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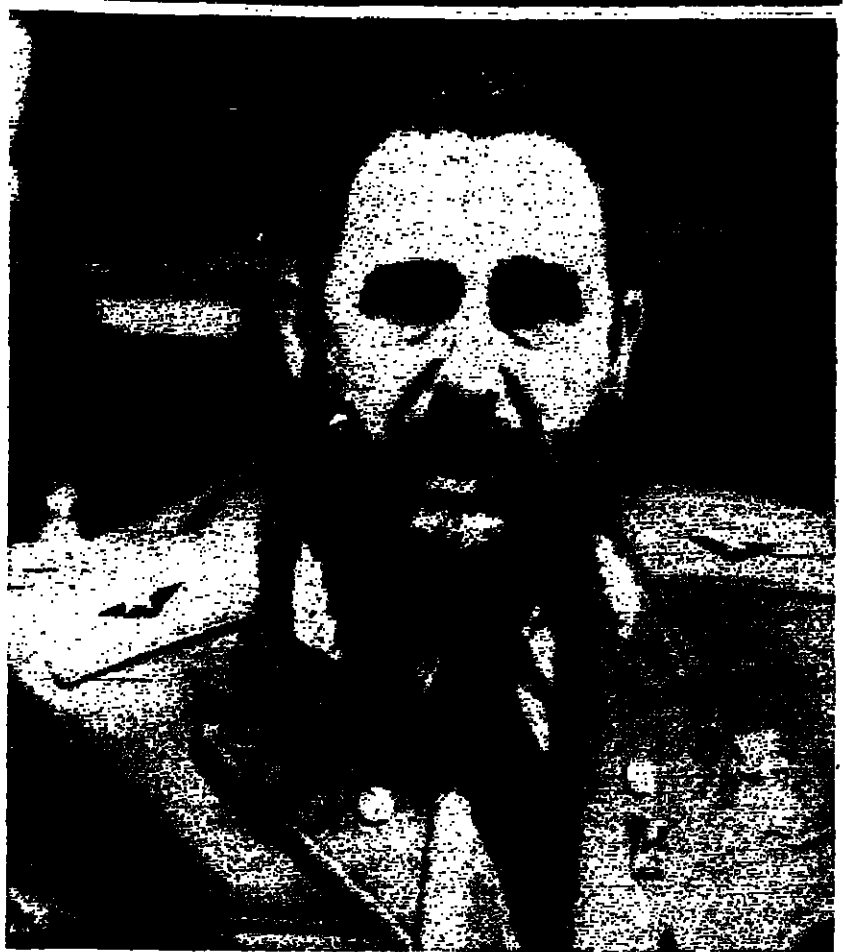
Snow in Jerusalem, more rain forecast

Jerusalem Post Staff
Snow began to fall in the Jerusalem area late last night, following a day of intermittent rain. The weather bureau forecast more rain for today all over the country, with temperatures in the hills remaining low.

The past few days' rain is generally seen as a blessing, particularly by the farmers. For those in the south, the rain came just in time to save many of the grain crops, according to David Ariel, chief of the cereal crops division in the Agriculture Ministry.

The rainfall in the Negev, amounting to between 25 and 30mm, was not enough to save the crops there, but will improve the situation for summer crops, to be sown soon. In the southern coastal plain, however, rainfall of 50 to 70mm was recorded.

In the North, the rain raised the level of water in Lake Kinneret by about seven cm, adding 11 million cubic metres of water. The level now stands at 210.95 metres below sea level. While the flow of the Jordan River into the lake is still weak, more rain is likely to improve the situation.



Cuban leader Fidel Castro speaking at the 25th Soviet Communist Party Congress in Moscow. (AP radiophoto)

'Tax law won't be altered for El Al crews'

By GIDION ESHET
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Treasury officials yesterday denied that the Finance Ministry has decided to alter the tax law to enable a lower levy for El Al air crews. The officials confirmed that discussions on this subject have been held, but the initiative had come from another ministry, the sources stressed.

The problem of taxing income which the air crews receive in foreign currency has come up in the wage negotiations for 1976-77. A clash on this issue was avoided in June — when the reform was introduced — by an agreement to guarantee the net income. According to the interpretation given at the time, this meant that the income in foreign currency would remain the same after the introduction of the new law. The net income agreement expires in April, and therefore the problem has arisen again.

The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday. (Continued on page 2, col. 6)

UN launches relief fund for Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim yesterday launched an international appeal for \$30m in emergency relief aid for Lebanon after the recent civil war there. He was responding to a request from Lebanon.

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Allon and French FM meet for two hours

PARIS. — Israel Foreign Minister Yigal Allon conferred here yesterday with French Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues for nearly two hours. They reviewed at length Franco-Israeli ties, Israel's relations with the Common Market, the Arab boycott and the general situation in the Middle East.

The two ministers had a "working lunch" at the Quai d'Orsay, part of their last year's decision to keep the dialogue open in spite of basic policy differences. Immediately after the meeting, Sauvagnargues left for a three-day visit to Lisbon. He had postponed this trip for several hours to meet Allon.

One of the central subjects discussed was Israel's request to conclude a financial agreement with the EEC. Israel signed last July an economic and trade pact and would like to top it off with a financial one which would provide for EEC investments in Israel. Allon asked France not to place any obstacles in Israel's path and not to link its request with the negotiations now taking place between the Common Market and a number of Arab states.

Allon protested against the PLO bureau in Paris and also drew Sauvagnargues' attention to the fact that certain states which have not recognized the PLO and have better relations with Israel than France, such as the U.S., Holland and West Germany, have greater influence in the Arab world.

The two ministers agreed to continue their periodic meetings. Allon is due to leave for Mexico this morning. (JTA)

IDF blows up Lebanon house

Israeli troops crossed into Lebanon yesterday north of Mount Maron, near the village of Yaroun, and blew up a house which had been used to shelter terrorists.

They also shot and killed a man known to have helped terrorists stage actions in the area, as he tried to flee, the army spokesman reported.

The army's search action took place in the area from which bazooka shells were fired on Saturday night at an IDF patrol. The last time security forces blew up a terrorist house in Lebanon occurred on November 27, in the Metulla area.

Basketballers lose

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi last night bowed out of the 1976 European Cup for Basketball Champions, losing to Italian champions Fortitudo, 81-108, in Cantu. The 25-point victory was enough to see Fortitudo through to the semi-finals with a 13-point margin from the two games against Maccabi. At half-time Maccabi was still in with a chance, trailing 42-49. But in the second period Maccabi's play was ragged, and depended on individual effort.

Kenya bars oil and other goods from Uganda

NAIROBI. — The authorities in Kenya yesterday announced the suspension of petrol exports to Uganda and banned vehicular traffic carrying goods and from that country.

Provincial Commissioner J.G. Mburu announced the moves saying Kenya would review the situation if Kenyan President Jomo Kenyatta received from Ugandan President Idi Amin an unqualified apology for his recent claims to large trunks of Western Kenya.

Amin said earlier this month that sections of Kenya and Sudan were historically Ugandan. Uganda's petrol requirements are met exclusively by the East African oil Refineries Ltd. in Mombasa, eastern Kenya.

Mburu also urged Kenyans not to cross the border on foot "for any business" until relations between the two states improve.

Most of Uganda's foodstuffs and essential supplies for industry and agriculture — including oil — cross the border through Western province, and the ban is expected to have serious repercussions on Uganda's already ailing economy. (UPI, AP)

Soviet satellites at parley blast Maoism

MOSCOW. — Communist leaders

Janos Kadar of Hungary and Todor Zhivkov of Bulgaria lavishly praised Leonid Brezhnev's report at the 25th Communist Party congress yesterday, damning Maoists and holding out no hope for proponents of cold war. And they hailed Soviet strength, saying it is no longer threatened by force.

"Aggressive circles and the supporters of the cold war are carrying on stubborn rear-guard battles and from time to time make a counterattack," Kadar told the congress.

Kadar also said the Hungarian socialist workers party condemns "national isolation, bourgeois nationalism, anti-Sovietism and splitting activities that undermine the unity of our movement — and especially the grossest of its forms, Maoism."

Zhivkov said, "It is as clear as A-B-C that the strength and the influence of the Communist movement is in its unity and solidarity. In our time, real unity and real solidarity are possible only on the

basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism."

Cuban leader Fidel Castro was the star of Wednesday's session, receiving standing ovations before and after his 1,800-word speech. Castro said it was impossible to export revolution, but no one could stop people from rising on their own against oppression.

Castro made no direct reference to Cuba's military participation in the Angolan war, which Secretary of State Kissinger on Tuesday called a signal that Cuba could intervene similarly in Latin America.

Some of the speakers at yesterday's session reiterated criticism by Brezhnev of economic mismanagement in the Soviet Union. Regional leaders from agricultural areas complained that they lacked adequate machinery and repair facilities.

Brezhnev has intimated that some measures might be taken against ministry leaders who have been negligent about their obligations. (AP)

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Luntz blames U.S. for new Soviet repression

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MEVASSERET ZION. — 1975 was a "black year" for Soviet Jewry — largely because of warnings by U.S. President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger that too much pressure from the West on the USSR might result in retaliatory repression against Jews there.

This was stated yesterday by noted ally activist Alexander Luntz in an interview with The Jerusalem Post. Dr. Luntz arrived in Israel with his family Monday night.

As Luntz sees it, the opinions expressed by the American President and Secretary of State are not the sole cause of the harsher Soviet attitudes towards the aliyah movement, but they contributed considerably to the repressive trend which started in 1975 and which is still continuing.

According to Luntz, a mathematician and computer expert, he does "not believe that Ford and Kissinger are bad people. Perhaps they had good intentions when they spoke as they did. But the result was immensely harmful, because the Soviets immediately set out to prove precisely that very premise. It is

as if they were given a signal. It was an important point for them to show that Jews would be in danger if too much pressure was being put on the USSR on their behalf."

Luntz told The Post that too few people in the West realize "how much of a drastic change took place in 1975. Up to the end of 1974 the Soviets were prepared for a compromise. They were ready to sell Jews for trade benefits. It wasn't the 'Jackson Amendment' which disturbed them, but the 'Stevenson Amendment' which denied them credit.

They felt deceived and were not going to give the Jews away for nothing. The forces who were always more hostile to aliyah and who had contingency plans for repression then assumed ascendancy and attempted to destroy the Zionist movement."

Luntz says he cannot predict what kind of a year 1976 will be. "The first two months of it were every bit as black as 1975. Up to now any softening in the official Soviet position was always accompanied by an escalation of harassment. Thus at the time the Soviets were granting more exit permits they were also staging more trials."

Rhodesian blacks protest UK bid

SALISBURY. — Hundreds of shouting Black Africans marched into the city's central square yesterday waving anti-government placards and protesting British "interference" in current negotiations for a settlement to Rhodesia's racial crisis.

The demonstrators, including many women with children strapped to their backs, paraded in Cecil Square opposite the hotel of special British envoy Lord Greenhill.

Lord Greenhill met Prime Minister Ian Smith yesterday for a 70-minute talk, shortly after another round of constitutional talks

between Smith and black nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo, who leads the moderate wing of the African National Council (ANC).

Lord Greenhill refused comment after the talks but said he hoped to meet with Smith again today. Lord Greenhill is also due to meet Nkomo today.

Nkomo said after yesterday's meeting with the British envoy: "Lord Greenhill's visit may change the course of negotiations."

Earlier in the day Lord Greenhill met with white representatives in business, agriculture and mining and according to one source told them Britain believes 'Rhodesia

must accept black majority rule quickly.

The source said Lord Greenhill was told that Rhodesian whites are not prepared to accept these terms.

Lord Greenhill arrived in Salisbury early yesterday morning on a mission to determine what role if any Britain can play in the current negotiations.

Rhodesia's white minority regime unilaterally declared independence from Britain over 10 years ago to maintain white supremacy in this country of 5.7 million Africans and 274,000 whites. Britain has refused to recognize Smith's government and has been pressing for black majority rule for over a decade.

Smith declared last Friday he would welcome "constructive" help. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

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Sadat says he won't go along with step-by-step

'Collective responsibility' stressed in Riyadh

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday declared that he will no longer go along with Washington's step-by-step approach to the Middle East conflict, stressing that Egypt would press for an overall settlement in the region.

Sadat further affirmed that Israel's proposal to end the state of war must be preceded by its withdrawal to the pre-1967 war frontiers as well as the establishment of the right of Palestinians to self-determination.

Sadat made the statement to newsmen at the end of a state visit to Saudi Arabia which was to have returned the Egyptian leader to the Arab fold in return for financial and political support. In a joint communique issued in

both Riyadh and Cairo yesterday, Sadat and Saudi Arabia's King Khalid declared that the Middle East problem was a "collective Arab responsibility."

This mark was taken as a pledge by Egypt to take no more separate moves, such as the recent Sinai interim settlement, and that it will coordinate future action with other Arab states including Syria, which Saudi Arabia is seeking to reconcile with Egypt.

The communique reported Egypt and Saudi Arabia as having pledged to revive Arab solidarity and use all available means for the achievement of a total Israeli withdrawal from territories captured in the 1967 war, including East Jerusalem, and the restoration of the rights of the Palestinian people.

The two countries called on the Arab states to mobilize their poten-

tial with the aim of frustrating what they described as freezing the Middle East issue.

They added that it was imperative that the Palestine Liberation Organization take part in all international forums and conferences concerning a Middle East settlement.

Meanwhile, King Khalid yesterday extended an emergency \$300m. aid to Egypt to take care of that country's immediate needs. At the same time Khalid called on the oil-rich Arab states to provide "collective" financial assistance to Egypt with the aim of helping its huge debts — mostly owed to the Soviet Union, for military supplies.

Sadat yesterday arrived in Abu Dhabi, his third stop after Saudi Arabia and Oman in a tour of oil-rich Arab states. He is also due to visit Bahrain, Qatar and Kuwait.

Ford to consult Congress on sale of 'non-lethal' arms to Egypt

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Ford Administration can be expected to begin consultations with the Congress "any day now" regarding the sale of military equipment to Egypt, Administration officials confirmed yesterday.

The officials said that military experts in the Administration, including representatives from the State Department, the Pentagon and the National Security Council, are in the final stages of putting together a list of "non-lethal" military items that the Administration is anxious to sell to Egypt.

Administration lobbyists are preparing arguments that will be made to Congressmen to defend the start of a U.S.-Egyptian military supply relationship. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has committed the Administration to full consultations with the Congress before the U.S. embargo of arms sales to Egypt is lifted.

Following Israel Ambassador Simcha Dinitz's Wednesday evening meeting with Kissinger at the State Department, Israeli officials said that Israel has been given a "commitment" by the United States that no discussions are currently taking place in the Administration regarding arms sales to Egypt.

But other informed sources here specified that this "commitment" — which is only temporary — refers only to "lethal" weapons and not defensive items, such as the C-130 air transport planes Egypt has requested.

The sources pointed out that Kissinger had informed Prime Minister Rabin during his recent talks in Washington that the United States was about to establish a military supply relationship with Egypt, beginning with the sale of six C-130's.

Rabin and other Israeli officials are not happy with this Administration decision, but there appears little that Israel can do about it.

The State Department spokesman yesterday refused to discuss publicly reports in the Israeli press regarding the U.S. commitment to Israel on arms sales to Egypt. He would merely say that the Administration was committed to full discussions with the Congress before a final decision is reached.

The subject of U.S. arms to Egypt

has become very sensitive here, especially during this presidential election year. Some congressional sources said yesterday that they had been told recently that the consultative period will probably begin within days after Kissinger's return from South America. Kissinger returned to Washington on Tuesday.

On the political front, the State Department announced yesterday that U.S. Ambassador in Egypt, Herman Eilts, would return to Washington over the weekend to consult with Kissinger and other U.S. officials regarding the next step in the negotiating process.

Eilts will be followed here by the U.S. Ambassadors in Damascus and Amman, Richard Murphy and Thomas Pickering, respectively.

Spokesman Robert Fumeth said that the ambassadors were coming to Washington to continue the consultative process. During this period, he added, the United States will also have regular exchanges with the Israel Government.

Dinitz informed Kissinger on Wednesday night of the Israel Cabinet's decision to authorize talks with Egypt, Syria and Jordan regarding the end of belligerency. Israel is dispatching a team of legal experts to the State Department to codify exactly what ending the state of belligerency means.

Kissinger also assured Dinitz that the Ford Administration would not oppose the allocation of additional funding during the transitional quarter if the Congress goes ahead and approves it.

But the Secretary said that the Administration will not take the initiative and urge the Congress to approve the additional assistance, if they wish.

which could translate into about \$500m. for Israel.

Reliable sources on Capitol Hill said that Kissinger may just as well have said that the Administration will fight the extra aid because without an amended Administration budget request to the Congress, final authorization and appropriation is unlikely.

Ford trip to ME seems unlikely

WASHINGTON. — Prospects of a trip to the Middle East by President Ford this spring appears to be waning.

Press Secretary Ron Nessen told reporters that he has tried to make it clear that "there is no Middle East trip planned and if it was, it wouldn't be undertaken for another month or so." But Nessen added there is no decision on whether a trip would be made.

Rabin: Demand rights of Jews from Arab lands in agreement

When Israel enters into negotiations with the Arab states it will demand that they make provisions for the rights of Jews from those states as part of any agreement reached, Prime Minister Rabin said last night.

He spoke at a rally for Jews from Arab lands, held in Tel Aviv. Rabin said the government will continue to struggle for restoration of the Jews' rights, particularly of Syrian Jewry, to live as Jews and emigrate, if they wish.

Another State Dep't man quits

WASHINGTON. — Robert Ingersoll, the Number 2 man in the State Department, is quitting at the end of March to return to private industry.

His departure is part of a shake-up in the upper echelons of the Department but according to top officials does not pressure the resignation of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Kissinger will stay on the job — provided President Ford wants him to — at least until

the November elections, informants said.

Earlier this week, Joseph Sisco, the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, resigned to become president of American University.

Ingersoll, 62, is not a career foreign service officer. He was president of Borg-Warner Corp. of Chicago. He became Ambassador to Japan in 1972 and Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific affairs the following year.



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Social and Personal

President and Mrs. Kattir and Swedish Ambassador Fritz Iwo Dolling and Mrs. Dolling will attend the premiere showing of Ingmar Bergman's new film "The Magic Flute" (based on the Mozart opera) at the Jerusalem Theatre on Wednesday, March 10. The showing is being presented by the Israel Refinery Club, under the patronage of Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek. Tickets, available at Variety offices, 13 Rehov Rabin in Tel Aviv, are IL50 and IL75.

Justice Minister Haim Zadok and Technion president Amos Horev yesterday afternoon attended the dedication of the fifth and sixth buildings in the Technion's Aaron Gutwirth science-based industries complex in Haifa. Mr. Gutwirth was also present at the ceremony.

Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rabin held a reception in Jerusalem yesterday for representatives of the World Council of Churches and members of the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations, who are holding their annual meeting in Jerusalem for the first time. Also attending were local Jewish, Christian and Moslem religious leaders.

British Ambassador Anthony Elliott was the host yesterday at an informal reception at the British Embassy residence for eight members of the Jerusalem Journalists Association who are to visit the United Kingdom in March as guests of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The chairman of the Israel-Finland Association on Wednesday gave a reception at the Basel Hotel in Tel Aviv for the new Finnish Ambassador, Matti Kahiluoto.

Amos Frish, a second-year B.A. student at Bar-Ilan University, has been awarded the annual Shmuel and Leah Fishman Prize for excellence in biblical studies.

Ehud Olmert, MK, will speak at the Haifa Engineers Forum on "Crime in Israel Society," at 1 p.m. today.

State Revenue Commissioner Moshe Neudecker will speak on "The Budget and Tax Policy in 1976," at the Haifa Maritime and Economic Club, 1 p.m. today. Reservations by phone, 511993.

Ehud Netzer, architect, of the Institute of Archaeology, The Hebrew University, is to discuss "Jericho and Kypros" at the Rockefeller Museum on Sunday at 3 o'clock as part of a lecture series (in English) on "Archaeological Sites, Problems and Solutions," sponsored by the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research and the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology.

Russian immigrant lecturers will address the monthly meeting of the Bar-Ilan University Dikner Club on Wednesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. The lectures will be given in English and Yiddish.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9 p.m. tonight, at Tnuv Shivat Zion, 86 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Dr. Z. Bacharach, Bar-Ilan University, and Alex Levine, settler from South Africa.

An Oneg Shabbat (in English) will be held tonight at Helchal Shlomo in Jerusalem at 8:45 Rabbi Leo H. Shayovitch and Shaul Ben-Hayim of the Foreign Ministry will be the speakers. Zmrot: Cantor Arye Goldberg. A Melave Malka programme will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow, with Hayim Zohar as guest speaker, Cantor Yehuda Lander will sing, and a film will be shown: The public is invited.

An inaugural meeting to form an English-speaking Wizo group will be held on Sunday, at 4:30 p.m., at the Wizo Clubhouse, 132 Rehov Ha-nassi, Herzliya Pituah (next to the Valador Hotel). Local residents who understand and speak English are invited to attend.

ARRIVALS

Prof. Ernst Boris Chain, co-recipient of the Nobel Prize for physiology and medicine in 1946, for a short visit as guest of the Weizmann Institute (by El Al).

Aye Dulzin, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, from London, where he attended a session of the Agency Executive devoted to the 1976 budget.

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HAUSNER HITS

ARAB REJECTION
HAIFA. — Minister without Portfolio Gideon Hausner last night expressed Israel's disappointment at the "resounding rejection" by the Arab neighbours of Israel's latest overture to end the state of war.

IANCU ABRAMOVICI

Dolly Bruno Abramovici, Architect. Wife, Esther, and daughter, Michal. Regine-Malka Dankner, husband, Nini and children, Eytan and Yair.



The smiling young man is Elias Dana, an East Jerusalem resident who, together with the donkey he was riding, fell into this hole Wednesday evening on Mount Zion: the ground, undermined by heavy rains, suddenly gave way. Dana and his donkey found themselves in what was apparently an ancient catacomb. After an hour's struggle, Dana got his injured donkey out of the hole and called police, who in turn summoned archaeologists. In the picture, Dana points to one of a number of burial cavities.

Prize for a patrol boat policeman

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The police patrol boat approached a small craft that seemed to be in trouble, drifting too far from shore. As he came nearer, Sergeant Moshe Samocha could see two people struggling — a girl was being assaulted by her companion. The sergeant drew his pistol and arrested the would-be rapist.

For this action and a host of others — which have won him some 120 citations over the past 25 years — Sergeant Samocha yesterday was awarded the Policeman's Prize by Mayor Shlomo Lahat.

The Policeman's Prize, which includes IL2,000 in cash, was also presented in yesterday's ceremonies to First Sergeant Shalom Golan and Patrolman Moshe Assayag of the Border Patrol. The prize has been granted for the past five years to outstanding policemen.

Sergeant Samocha, who immigrated from Iraq in 1950, is 44 years old and the father of five children. The veteran law-enforcement officer says: "It's good to be a policeman. I like helping people."



Sgt. Samocha

Mapam scores members for 'Palestine State'

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Mapam's Political Committee yesterday sharply criticized several of the party's members for lending their names to a declaration published the day before by the newly formed Council for Israel-Palestine Peace.

The declaration called for the creation of a Palestinian Arab state alongside Israel, in territories to be vacated by Israel up to the borders of 1967, with "Jerusalem, the Eternal City," serving as capital both of Israel and, in its eastern part, of the new Arab state.

Mapam secretary-general Meir Talmi said the declaration violated the party's platform of opposing a third state in the former territory of Mandatory Palestine. The committee seconded this in a resolution which noted that the action violated the principles adopted by the Mapam convention.

The Mapam leadership has been asked several times for guidance on the issue, but has not gone beyond instructing members not to take part in the Council until a ruling is made. The Mapam leaders mentioned in Wednesday's advertisement were quoted as "agreeing to the principles," but not as signatories. They included Naftali Ben-Moshe, the radical trade unionist; Latif Dori; Dr. Haim Darin; Ehud Ya'ari; Simha Flapan; and Eliezer Ronen.

Mapam secretary-general Talmi noted yesterday that the declaration differed from the party's stand in several important points. Mapam opposes a third state, wants Jerusalem to be the capital of Israel only, and definitely refuses to recognize the 1967 armistice lines as final.

The Mapam secretariat will discuss the Council and Mapam's attitudes to it in a special session next week.

While Ben-Moshe was rather apologetic about being included in the council's advertisement, Ronen asserted his right to be open about his convictions. The audience was in an uproar, with speakers often side-tracked and discussions between members and speakers sometimes quite loud. The impression was that Mapam was nearer a split than the Labour Alignment, which some Mapam leaders would like to see disintegrate. Veteran Ya'acov Hazan, a rock of tradition in the tumultuous sea of radicals, frequently interrupted speakers or argued a point with a neighbour.

Mapam political secretary Naftali Feder, who presided, cut the session rather short and adjourned the debate to next week.

Kol defends Gov't stand against Eban's attack

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Tourism Minister Moshe Kol has hit out at fellow-dove Abba Eban, MK, for attacking the Government's decision to accept the U.S. "end-of-state-of-war" initiative.

Kol said he was astonished to read Eban's article in Wednesday's *Jerusalem Post*, "Why Not Say 'Peace'?"

"The Government is saying 'peace,'" Kol asserted. "We have formally and repeatedly asked for the reconvening of the Geneva conference to negotiate peace. But the Arabs and the Soviets insist on the PLO participating and the Israeli Government, quite rightly, rejects this."

It was because peace seemed unattainable at present that the U.S. had decided to examine the prospects of an end-of-war pact, Kol explained — not because peace was undesirable. The Government had certainly not abandoned its longing for full peace and normalization, Kol explained.

Eban had urged in the article that the Government "ought to be exploring the political, human, military and territorial implications of peace treaties."

Kol said he was pleased the Government had responded positively to the American initiative. "Eban, like myself, has always favoured flexibility — so I cannot understand his position now."

Kol and other readers have remarked, too, on an apparent flaw in Eban's logic. Eban wrote: "If (the Arabs) will not give us total peace, it becomes reasonable for us not to give them total withdrawal." The logical implication is that for total peace we would give total withdrawal.

"I do not accept this," Kol stated. "Even for peace we must keep certain areas vital for our security."

Eban himself also spotted the problem. In the next paragraph he sought to correct it:

"I believe that we should be ultimately flexible about boundaries and initially rigorous on our definition of peace. It is only thus that we may have some chance of obtaining the limited and selective boundary changes that the most moderate amongst us regard as indispensable to our future security."

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Sculptor Neizvestny gets exit visa for Israel

MOSCOW. — Ernst Neizvestny, one of the Soviet Union's best-known sculptors, was yesterday given an exit visa to Israel and told he had to leave the country by March 10.

The visa was granted exactly a year after Neizvestny, 50, announced his desire to emigrate.

The sculptor won world-wide fame for his stand-up argument over modern art with former Khrushchev chief Nikita Khrushchev in 1962.

He said yesterday he would leave most of his works in trust for his daughter with the Khrushchev family.

After Khrushchev's death in 1972, his family commissioned the sculptor to make a monument for his grave.

Neizvestny told Western reporters he had permission from the Interior Ministry to travel to Sverdlovsk in the Urals to say goodbye to his aged parents, although he is no longer considered a Soviet citizen.

Sverdlovsk is closed to non-Soviet citizens.

The sculptor said the Culture Ministry had once demanded almost 80,000 roubles (about IL55,000) in duty for his own works which he wanted to take with him.

But it had now bought some of them and reduced the duty on the others to 20,000 roubles (IL15,000).

(Reuters)

Cuts in bus service from Sunday — with or without Government approval

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Egged will cut the frequency of bus service by 15 per cent beginning on Sunday — whether or not it gets Government approval.

The Controller of Road Transport, Ya'acov Malka, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that by Sunday morning he would be able to approve only a small number of changes.

Asked to comment on the Controller's statement, a member of Egged's management retorted: "I am telling you that as of Sunday a 15 per cent cut in our services will go into effect."

On the other hand, a communique issued yesterday by the Government Press Office stated that Egged representatives yesterday pledged that no changes would be effected without prior approval of the Controller. This was at a meeting yesterday with the Director-General of the ministry, Ehud Shilo, and Malka.

Malka made it clear to this reporter that he would be much more likely to approve cuts on routes such as Jerusalem-Tel Aviv and Haifa-Tel Aviv than to reduce service to outlying places. If, for instance, Egged should want to cut service to Kibbutz Zartit (on the Lebanese border), "we will not allow it."

There was no reflection of this criticism, however, in the official communique. This stated that Egged had agreed to submit to the Controller of Road Transport detailed plans of proposed changes in the frequency of trips, together with data on the number of passengers.

The Controller, the communique continues, would then examine Egged's plan and approve changes in accordance with the recommendation of the Golomb Committee that frequency of trips should be "in accordance with demand."

Malka said that meetings to discuss Egged's plans would continue today and tomorrow night.

The Egged spokesman said that its plan was designed to save the cooperative 95 buses and 200 drivers a day, and 500,000 kms. a month.

On another front, the Egged management faces strong opposition from the Histadrut for having fired 450 hired workers, as part of Egged's plan to bolster its weak financial position.

Yesterday the Egged management again postponed the date of its planned merger with the Den bus cooperative, which was to have gone into effect on April 1. The new target date has been set for June 1.

Even this new date does not look realistic, because of Egged's present internal problems and financial situation.

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Towns get more to cover deficit

TEL AVIV. — At a meeting yesterday between the Prime Minister and Ministers of Finance and Interior, it was decided to allocate to the country's local authorities the IL40m. they need to cover their deficit for the current fiscal year.

Another IL50m. which the Government owes the cities will be handed over to them before the current fiscal year ends, on March 31, it was agreed.

It was also decided to open talks with the Union of Local Authorities on cutting IL150m. from their 1976/77 budgets by trimming education and social welfare services beyond what was planned in the budget submitted to the Knesset.

Zim approves Lilac sailing

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Zim Company's Board of Directors yesterday authorized the sailing of the container ship, Lilac, following the Seamen's Union (ratings) unconditional agreement on Wednesday night to put its men back on board. The ship was due to sail last night.

The Board decided to join in the strongest terms for its "irresponsible wildcat strike," and made it clear that the expansion of the Lilac fleet will depend on the union's meticulous adherence to law and order.

The company spokesman announced last night that the Board had singled out the strike on the Lilac for denunciation, because it had been called as a protest against judgment handed down by the Seamen's Disciplinary Court.

'Hatchet terrorists' get 25 years

Jerusalem Post Reporter

MAJDAL SHAMS. — Five terrorists captured by an army patrol on October 28 near Dabbiya, in central Golan, were sentenced at the beginning of this week by a military court here to 25 years in prison. It was learned yesterday.

They were part of a band of seven that had crossed the border and were caught by an army unit after a short exchange of fire in which the other two were killed. The group became known to the public as the "hatchet terrorists" for the hatchets with which the Syrians had equipped them as they could bring back heads as trophies.

They had told the court they were members of the FLO's E. Fatah terror group, and had entered Israel with the help of Syrian army officers. They were caught before they could commit any terror acts.

Yugoslav leads chess tourney

Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

BEERSHEBA. — Grandmaster Dragan Marovic of Yugoslavia yesterday took the lead in the eighth round of the international chess tournament being held here, after beating Shlomo Gitterman of Israel. He was against Radashkovich in the seventh round, played in Yeruham on Wednesday.

Leon Lederman, who led the tourney until the seventh round, lost his second match yesterday to Yitzhak Radashkovich. Israel champion Vladimir Liberson tied with Ya'acov Bleiman.

The standings after the eighth round (incomplete games in parentheses):

Marovic 5; Lederman, Bleiman and Liberson, 5; Radashkovich 4; Kraidman 3.5 (2); Damjanovic of Yugoslavia, Harstone of England and Egan of Israel 3 (1); Tatal of Italy and Gitterman 3; Moshe Gitterman of Israel 1.5 (1); Kraidman and Harstone have an unfinished game from the seventh round.

The central game of the ninth round, to begin today, will be between Marovic and Kagan.

CUSTOMS CHIEF SUSPENDED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

David Peled, director of the Customs and Excise Department in the Finance Ministry, has been suspended from his post by Ya'acov Nitran, the Civil Service Commissioner.

Peled, who was arrested a month ago on suspicion of taking bribes and violating foreign currency regulations, was released on IL150,000 bail on Wednesday.

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Peretz's lawyer: Don't make him a scapegoat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — If Yehoshua Peretz's sentence of two months in jail is allowed to stand, he will have been made a scapegoat for the many offences by other workers who were not prosecuted, Peretz's lawyer, Yisrael Gil

Udi Dayan denies drug link; new tape reveals 2nd Udi

BY ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Shmuel ("Udi") Dayan of Nahalal yesterday denied that he was in any way involved in a doctored ring for which his friend Shimon ("Kushi") Rimmon and other Israelis are now on trial in Frankfurt, West Germany.

Meanwhile, Israeli Radio's Ron Ben-Yishai reported from Frankfurt that the German court had been presented with a second "Kushi-Udi" conversation — in which the "Udi" involved is in the U.S. and working as a plumber.

Rumours linking Dayan, son of former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, with the dope ring arose after a tape recording made by German police of a conversation last March between "Kushi" and "Udi" was played in the Frankfurt courtroom. The police had used the conversation to establish Kushi's involvement with the drug smugglers.

Dayan has denied he was the "Udi" on the tape.

Asked yesterday whether he knew his name had actually been mentioned in the Frankfurt court proceedings, Dayan said he did not know. However, the Nahalal farmer tended to believe the connection between him and the "Udi" of the tape had been made with the intention of damaging the name of "a certain one-eyed relative of mine."

Udi Dayan said he had hired attorney Ram Caspi to defend his name. Appropriate legal steps would be taken either in Israel or in Germany, against those who had libelled him, Dayan said.

Asked about his connection with a 42-year-old Kushi Rimmon, a member of the famous 101 paratrooper unit, Dayan declined to comment. He said Kushi was an old friend

but he did not want to go beyond that, "since Kushi is not here and might not wish me to speak about him."

Asked whether he had been investigated or questioned by the Israeli police in this matter, Dayan said "never."

Lawyer Caspi told The Jerusalem Post he was flying to Germany on Sunday. The purpose of his trip, he said, was to obtain a copy of the tape. He wishes to give it to a laboratory to determine whether the voice is that of his client.

Udi, he noted, had never denied talking with Kushi in the past. However, Dayan has categorically denied that he had been party to the conversation introduced as evidence in the Frankfurt trial. Caspi further noted that when the conversation took place his client had no telephone.

Caspi said that while in Germany he would also check whether the name "Dayan" had been mentioned in the court proceedings. If not, and if the results of the laboratory tests of the tape copy indicated that the voice was not that of Udi Dayan, he would sue Israeli newspapers for libel.

On yesterday's noontime radio news, meanwhile, Ron Ben-Yishai presented his retranslation into Hebrew of the German court text of a second telephone call made around March by Kushi, this time to an Udi in the U.S.

This Udi tells Kushi he is working as a plumber in the U.S.

Kushi: Do you need anything?

Udi: Why should I? I have enough.

K: I will come to you with Udi. Moshe will come.

U: Great.

K: He's really a gutsy fellow.

He came in instead of you. He really has guts.

Later on —

K: Are drugs big in the U.S.?

U: Don't try it.

K: No, what are you talking about?

U: Don't try it, Shimon, don't try it.

K: Why?

U: Believe me, don't try.

K: It really is fine.

U: I give you my word.

K: No, no, I only asked.

U: Don't try. Here they are afraid of it. They're as strict as possible.

K: No no, I'm not trying. God forbid. Here too all the police forces are involved in it. It's a real war. I'm sitting now on two kilo. Yes, but I'm careful.

U: Don't try it.

(They then talk about the possibility of smuggling counterfeit money into the U.S. Udi advises small bills. Then they speak about the situation in Israel, and Kushi then talks about his wife in London.)

K: I bought her a house, a colour TV, a tumble dryer, a new car. I bought her everything. Understand, I can live like a gypsy, but she has to be fixed up.

That a number of Israelis in Germany were involved in a doctored ring first came to light in November with the visit here of the vice-president of the West German Federal Office for Criminal Offences. In the course of the visit, the Israeli and German authorities promised greater mutual cooperation on drug matters.

A police spokesman said that publication of the transcripts was being followed and that appropriate action would be taken "if it proves necessary."



Scaffolding marks excavation site for apartment building at the edge of a line of Second Temple rock-cut tombs in Gan Sanhedriya.

Private flats cutting into Capital's Sanhedriya Park

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

While Jerusalem's city fathers are pointing with pride at the development of prestigious new parks around the city, one of the most important existing parks in the city — Gan Sanhedriya — is rapidly being eroded by the construction of private housing on its periphery.

A single three-storey apartment building cutting into the northern edge of the park and uprooting trees is merely a harbinger of things to come as it nears completion. Excavations were begun in recent weeks for another apartment building within 10 metres of Second Temple burial caves with the park. And, according to an official city plan, the northern edge of the park is to give way to a string of some 10 apartment buildings and a 12-metre-wide street.

This construction will uproot scores of trees, block the view towards the hills in the northeast, and shatter the solitude and intimacy of much of what remains of the park.

The 40-dunam park, one of the most interesting in the country, is built around 15 family tombs carved out of hard limestone in the Second Temple period by wealthy Jerusalem families. According to popular tradition, one of these tombs, which contains a richly decorated pediment, was the burial place of the Sanhedrin, the ruling council of the period. Archaeologists think this unlikely but consider this complex of monumental tombs of exceptional archaeological value.

Around the tombs, the municipality has developed a handsome and well-maintained park whose broken topography, heavy plantings and play equipment offered pastime to mothers pushing carriages, neighbourhood children and adults seeking to read or stroll among the trees. School children and tourists were regular visitors to the tombs.

Although the area immediately north of the park had long been in private ownership and parcelled for housing, its location until 1987 on the edge of no-man's-land discouraged anyone from building. Municipal gardeners extended the boundaries of the park by planting trees on these private plots. In building on these plots now and uprooting the trees, the owners are thus within their rights.

The new role of Gan Sanhedriya, however, has made the exercise of these rights a greater blow to the city's park system than it would have been a decade ago. Instead of being located on a remote edge of the city and serving largely as a neighbourhood park for a few hundred families, Gan Sanhedriya is now in the midst of a vast new housing complex built across the Green Line since the Six Day War. Except for a bit of greenery on Ammunition Hill, it is the only park of any consequence in the area extending from French Hill through Ramat Eshkol, Sanhedriya Murhev, to Ramat, an area which already has well over 5,000 families and will within a few years have double that.

Apart from this city-wide consideration, the unique qualities of the park itself are being irrevocably destroyed by this building — not just by the land it takes but even more by the intrusion into the solitude the park offers.

A resident of neighbouring Sanhedriya for the past 25 years, Yehiel Gahandauer, yesterday termed the erosion of the park "criminal."

"This is the nicest thing there is in the whole northern part of the city. They're taking something of beauty and destroying it."

Said Amos Kloner, district officer of the Antiquities Department: "There was no reason to approve buildings so close to important monuments."

Architect Israel Levitt, who planned the new development of Sanhedriya Murhev for the Housing Ministry, said of the park-edge construction, "It's going to be a catastrophe there." He blamed the municipality which repurchased the area in 1972 for permitting it to happen.

A municipal planning official, Uri Ben-Asher, put the blame on the Housing Ministry, saying it could have expropriated the plots after the Six Day War when it expropriated the land for Sanhedriya Murhev and Ramat Eshkol. Expropriation today would, according to one estimate, cost about IL7m.

A municipal planner said the area could have been repurchased so that building rights were concentrated on a few sites and most of the area left open. Even today, he said, the owners of the still-vacant sites could be offered equivalent sites elsewhere, perhaps in adjacent Sanhedriya Murhev.

'Leaving the problem to the authorities won't work' Public group forming to fight drug addiction in Jerusalem

By ERMIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The groundwork for setting up a Jerusalem branch of the Tel Aviv Association Against Drug Addiction was laid at a meeting in Health Minister Victor Shemtov's office this week.

The minister told the approximately 20 volunteers — three of them from the Tel Aviv association — that "leaving the fight against the problem to the authorities alone won't succeed — all of society must come involved."

The Jerusalem civic leaders — including pharmacists, doctors, lawyers, businessmen and housewives — decided on the spot to call a meeting for next Tuesday at which they will organise a Jerusalem association to fight drug addiction.

Shemtov told the volunteers that they should not expect much money from the ministry. "If you want to set up a public council — go and raise money from the public. We'll supply the experts and pay their salaries." But he softened his blunt words with the announcement that he had lined up a Jerusalem donor willing to contribute IL50,000.

The minister said that one of the important tasks of the association would be enlightening public opinion, so that there would be less opposition to the opening of clinics in residential neighbourhoods. He recalled the action of parents in the capital's German Colony a few weeks ago, which forced cancellation of the opening of a drug clinic there.

He thanked Jerusalem builder Ovadia Levy who was present, for donating his services to refurbish the skinned clinic, "which would have taken over a year if done through regular channels."

Health Ministry Director-General Yacov Menezel said that "some people think they're experts on the problem after watching a few TV programmes." In fact it takes four or eight years to evaluate the effectiveness of the several weaning measures attempted. He said that he ministry has budgeted about IL1m for the Jerusalem clinic to be opened on Derech Beit Lechem soon, and that more clinics are planned for Acre, the Lydda-Ramle area and Haifa.

Weaning addicts through hospitalisation has failed — it yields only a 2 per cent success rate, he said. "It is not purely a medical, but a medico-social problem."

Simply transplanting U.S. programmes to Israel won't do either, he added.

The Tel Aviv association was started about four years ago by Ada Magness and is headed by Gavriel Zikroni. Its executive director, Levana Zamir, told The Jerusalem Post that the association last June opened a combined clinic and social centre in an old school building made available by Tel Aviv Municipality on Jaffa's Rehov Yassur. The centre has a staff of nine, including four treatment experts, who handle about 17 addicts each. The addicts come in twice a day and are treated with Adman, a drug which kills the desire for narcotics.

"We give the drug dissolved in orange juice, to prevent our clients from taking it under their tongues while sipping the juice and later selling the pill on the black market — to get money for buying the 'real stuff'." (When an addict can't get the "real stuff," he's willing to pay even for a substitute like Adman.)

There is a waiting list of 150 addicts, and we need even more trained workers to take care of them, Mrs. Zamir said.

There are about 1,000 known addicts in the Tel Aviv area. The association is planning to open another treatment centre in June to handle 300 addicts.

The municipality is eager to get the addicts out of its regular health clinics, where they often create disturbances, she said.

Patients belonging to all strata of society come for help to the association, she stressed.

One of the most important aspects of the association's work is that its volunteers each "adopt" one addict to whom they give moral and practical support.

To illustrate the work of the association, Mrs. Zamir told of the case of a young man who lost his job after becoming addicted. Put

on Adman at the clinic, he was ready to return to work; but the allowance the Welfare Ministry was willing to pay his employer towards his salary was IL200 short of his earlier salary. The association is making up this difference so that the young man can be rehired.

"He does not know where his salary comes from; the important thing is that he is on his way back to integration into society," she said.

Behind the Scenes Report

How to combat unemployment: 'Hope for the best but prepare for the worst'

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Labour Ministry is "hoping for the best but preparing for the worst" as it scans the bleak unemployment forecasts that accompanied the proposed state budget earlier this week.

Though official forecasts put the number of jobless by year's end at up to 55,000, some economists fear the number may go higher.

In an interview with The Jerusalem Post yesterday, the chief of the ministry's vocational training and retraining division, Yisrael Goralmik, said: "Last year at this time we were told the same thing — that more than 50,000 workers could be out of a job by January 1976. Well, that prediction never came true, fortunately. We pray the same will occur this year, though to be frank we're not as optimistic. We are hoping for the best but preparing for the worst."

Preparing for the worst, to Goralmik, means equipping men and women with skills to enable them to move right into gainful employment the moment they are no longer needed in their present jobs.

"This morning," said Goralmik, "the problem of unemployment is not relevant to most Israelis. As of this minute, our industries can still use an additional 8,000 to 10,000 working hands — half of them skilled workers and the rest unskilled. In fact, our budgetary allocation, announced a few days ago, IL235m. — is based on the premise that this situation would continue for the foreseeable future. In case of emergency, such as mass unemployment, we can get more money from the Unemployment Insurance Fund."

Meanwhile, IL200m. of the vocational training division's funds will be spent on the five main areas of the agency's responsibilities, and IL35m. has been earmarked for development purposes.

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- Youth services: apprenticeship programmes, industrial schooling and similar schemes for some 20,000 youngsters aged 15 through 17.
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Justice Ministry weighing tougher sentences for drug offenders

TEL AVIV. — The Justice Ministry is considering an increase in the maximum sentence for drug pushers, the Attorney-General, Prof. Aharon Barak, said here on Wednesday. He was speaking at a symposium at Beit Sokolov on the problems of drug use.

He said courts were already giving the maximum punishment, but that could be increased.

Encouraging minors to use drugs already carries a minimum prison sentence.

Barak said there were currently some 2,000 known addicts in the country, and about 150 joined their ranks each year. For lack of facilities in regular hospitals, most were treated in mental hospitals.

He urged teachers and parents to cooperate with the police when drug

use in youth is discovered, to try to locate the source and stem the drug's distribution.

In answer to a question, he disagreed that the individual should be allowed to decide for himself what is permitted and what forbidden — to allow hashish a certain "legitimacy."

The district pharmacist, Avraham Tormau, rejected the definition of hashish as a "light drug," saying it generates emotional dependence and injures brain cells. He claimed it changes the personality and makes the user more sensitive to its effects with each use.

Tormau said the Health Ministry had ordered a halt to drug research with humans after one of the volunteers for an experiment had a psychotic breakdown. (Tim)

Cultural exchange pact signed with Ecuador

A three-year cultural exchange pact was signed in Jerusalem between Ecuador and Israel on Tuesday. The agreement touches on the sciences, arts and education.

It provides for the exchange of professors, archaeologists and other experts. Among its provisions is

one for joint research on the development of the Jewish community in Ecuador.

The agreement was signed by Ernesto Valdivia, Director-General of Ecuador's Foreign Ministry, and Abba Gefen, director of the department of culture and science in Israel's Foreign Ministry.

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LONDON BRIEFS

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PLO to be let in

HOME SECRETARY Roy Jenkins has taken a decision which means in effect, that any PLO representative not on the list of wanted criminals will be permitted to enter Britain for the IRA-sponsored "anti-imperialist conference," to which Palestinians are invited.

Jenkins decided that applications for entry to the conference, which is scheduled to take place in Belfast and Dublin in July, will be dealt with on an "individual basis."

The Board of Deputies of Jewish Communities and Group Relations Committee had sought to bar PLO members from entry to the conference. Board sources last night expressed grave concern over Jenkins' decision.

Carlos' friend

ROY JENKINS' rejected an appeal against deportation from UK by the Colombian woman friend of international terrorist Carlos.

Maria Nadya Tobon de Romero, was sentenced to be deported after completion of a one-year prison sentence, which she is about to complete. She had claimed she did not know Carlos was a terrorist.

762 flu victims

THE DEATH TOLL from UK's current flu epidemic — one of the worst in many years — reached a new peak with 762 fatalities in the last week, the Health Department announced. This compared with 269 dead the week before.

Most of the victims were elderly people over the age of 65.

Visit protested

IGNORING A scolded plea by Foreign Secretary James Callaghan, the Labour Party's national executive committee decided by 15 to 11 to demand the cancellation of an upcoming visit to Britain by Brazilian President General Ernesto Geisel. Geisel is scheduled to arrive here in May as a guest of state.

The Foreign Office was further embarrassed by the Labour executive's description of Geisel as "head of one of the most repressive regimes in Latin America."

Over 110 Labour MPs have already signed a House of Commons motion deploring the visit and comparing Geisel to Chile's dictator, General Pinochet.

She will be flown back to Colombia on March 6.

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Top quality

'Nazi produced Herzl Medal'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Theodor Herzl memorial medal issued some years ago by the Government Coins and Medals Corporation was manufactured by a former Nazi in his workshop near Bonn, according to a German author.

Tuvya Friedman, director of the Nazi Crimes Documentation Centre here, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that author Karl Sauer had revealed the anomaly of a medal in honour of the founder of the Jewish State being struck by a Nazi during Friedman's recent visit to Bonn. Sauer said the medal was struck by Lorenz Hofstatter of Beuel, who was a Kreisleiter (district leader) in the Nazi Party before Germany's defeat by the Allies.

Sauer noted that Hofstatter had also struck medallions for West German's present neo-Nazi party, the NPD, "perhaps to balance his work for the Jewish State, or to show his neutrality."

An extraordinary story was told by Sauer in cooperation with another author, Wolfgang Koppel, in a book they published in Frankfurt several years ago. The book, "Fuehrer durch das braune Bonn" ("A guide to Brown (i.e. Nazi) Bonn") describes the activities of former Nazis in West Germany.

(No one at the Government coin firm was available last night to comment on the report.)

Rhodesia

(Continued from page 1)

from Britain in the current constitutional talks — believed to have reached deadlock over black representation in parliament — and British Foreign Secretary James Callaghan sent Lord Gresham to Rhodesia to determine exactly what Smith means.

Rhodesian security forces chased and killed at least 24 black guerrillas in a major clash in the Mozambique border area, it was announced on Wednesday.

Security forces headquarters said in a communique that its men launched a "hot pursuit operations" following an attack by guerrillas in which a Rhodesian rifleman was killed and four other soldiers wounded.

The clash was believed to have taken place on Tuesday, and the phrase "hot pursuit" could indicate that the security forces may have chased the guerrillas back across the border into Mozambique, where their bases are.

The casualty toll was believed to be the highest in any single clash since the black nationalists began their bush warfare in 1972.

In Addis Ababa, William Eteld Mbuomua, secretary general of the Organization of African Unity, told the organization's council of ministers yesterday that Angola would serve as a "dependable and effective bridgehead for the acceleration of majority rule in Rhodesia, the independence of Namibia (Southwest Africa) and the eradication of apartheid in South Africa."

The ministers met in Addis Ababa to consider the future of Southern Africa.

Eteld's report said the organization was determined to increase the "combative capacity" of black nationalist guerrillas in Rhodesia because "nothing could be expected" from the constitutional talks.

(Today's magazine: Is Rhodesia next?) (AP, UPI, Reuters)

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THE WORLD IN BRIEF

Freed U.S. officials leave Beirut

ATHENS. — Two U.S. Embassy officials released by Palestinian terrorists in Beirut after four months in captivity rejoined their families here yesterday.

Charles Gallagher, 45, smiling as he got off a Middle East Airlines jet, said he lost "some weight" during his captivity. William Dykes, 55, looked well-fed and happy.

The two diplomats were whisked off by U.S. security personnel in separate embassy cars, where their wives waited, and were taken to undisclosed destinations. (UPI)

Bid to impeach Peron fails

BUENOS AIRES. — Argentina's Congress rejected a move to impeach President Isabel Peron early yesterday.

Rebel Peronists meekly voted with the loyal party members to squelch an opposition motion to place impeachment proceedings immediately on the agenda.

After three hours of heated debate, the Peronist majority with a few sparse allies rejected the motion by a vote of 120 to 70. (UPI)

Thai students want U.S. out

BANGKOK. — Student activists' campaigns against any U.S. military presence in Thailand past the March withdrawal deadline could erupt into large-scale demonstrations, observers say.

About 6,000 American servicemen stationed at two air bases are to be withdrawn by March 30, under provisions of a Thai-U.S. agreement. But both parties have said recently that a residual U.S. advisory group will remain behind.

Thailand's communist neighbors, Vietnam and Laos are also pressing for a total U.S. withdrawal. (AP)



Richard Burton leaves his New York hotel yesterday with model Susan Hunt. He and wife Elizabeth Taylor announced their separation on Tuesday. (AP radiophoto)

Irish officials get letter bombs

DUBLIN. — Two officials "connected with the courts" received letter bombs Wednesday, a government spokesman said yesterday.

The authorities refused to name the recipients of the bombs, which did not explode. But informed sources said they probably were one of the three judges and Liam Lysaght, the Chief State Solicitor, who will be conducting the trial of Eddie Gallagher, Marian Coyne and three other persons, starting today. The five are accused of seizing Dutch industrialist Tiede Herrema last fall in a bid to force the Irish Government to release jailed members of the underground Irish Republican Army. (AP)

American Citizens resident in the Haifa Area

The American consular officer who is normally available at the U.S. Consular Agency, 37 Rehov Ha'atzmaut, Haifa, on the first Wednesday of each month will be in Haifa on March 10 and not on March 3. American citizens who desire appointments should call the U.S. Consular Agency, Tel. 04-663145.

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Feeble Mao keeps a tight grip

Chou En-lai's death and Mao's deteriorating health have set the stage for the current power struggle in China. SASSON JACOBY reports.



Night at the opera: During the Cultural Revolution, three Chinese leaders — the late Chou En-lai, Mao and the late Lin Biao — attended a performance by the Peking Opera.

JUST FIVE WEEKS AGO, this column dealt with the aftermath of Chinese Premier Chou En-lai's death and concluded that Mao Tse-tung might yet impose Teng Hsiao-ping — then hailed in the West as the likeliest man for the premiership — and that "the final score has yet to be registered."

This was borne out by the subsequent facts: 11 days later Mao named Internal Security Minister Hua Guo-feng, a comparative unknown, as Acting Premier, in effect relegating Teng to a place in the shadows. That the action stunned the West perhaps only goes to show its basic misunderstanding about China.

But that Hua's appointment came as a complete surprise in Washington is undoubtedly a more serious matter — a true indication of the ineffectiveness of the U.S. mission in Peking, as well as the inability of U.S. leaders to grasp the facts of life in Maoist China.

It was left to Peking to deal the final humiliating blow: a fulsome, royal welcome for ex-President Nixon, the disgraced American leader, whom President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger must now consult to get the latest ideas of what is going on in China. The Watergate scandal obviously doesn't mean much for the Chinese, who fully understand and appreciate the intricacies of dog-eat-dog politics.

The Russians, of course, said nothing — officially. Brezhnev at his opening speech to the Soviet Party Congress spared no words in vilifying Maoist ideology. But at the time of Hua's appointment the Soviet press, as is its wont in such instances, carried a long summary of an editorial in "The New York Times," which expressed surprise at Hua's emergence and argued that the Chinese power struggle is far from over.

Earlier, Western news reports from Moscow had quoted Soviet experts as naming Hua among the top half dozen candidates; the Russians did not take for granted Teng's automatic succession.

ONE WESTERN REPORT from Moscow even said the Russians weren't much concerned that Hua

had been China's top policeman, but were more interested in the fact that he was in charge of China's nuclear programme. Western reports had only dealt with Hua's agricultural expertise.

Teng was brought out of the political wilderness after being named a "capitalist roadster" and other more violent names by the cultural revolutionists. Although rehabilitated, there was one main reason why he was dumped: he was too deeply involved with the disgraced President Liu Shao-chi to get the full trust of Mao, his wife Chiang Ching and her radicals, headed by the Shanghai group — which represents the militant left wing and was chief propagator of the Cultural Revolution.

After Chou went, it became obvious Mao was aware he himself would soon be drawing his last breath. He knew that the power transition would be considerably rougher now that Chou was not around to play the role of a mediator who had never aspired for the top position.

Chou's death may not bring about much change in Peking's policy but power struggle cannot be avoided, and this will be intensified after Mao goes. Mao, in view of his bad physical shape, last year changed

the 1954 constitution so that the party chairman would automatically be chief of staff and supreme commander of the armed forces. He did this to avoid having to fill the place of Liu Shao-chi by putting himself in the post, for it wouldn't have improved his image.

Obviously, the stage has yet to be reached when anyone else can step into his chairman's slot. Teng was allowed to return as party vice-chairman and vice-premier but he was obviously undesirable as a caretaker premier who would see that a second-generation man of Mao's would be seated in the Chairman's place.

JUST AS CHINA'S cultural revolution began with a poster campaign at Peking universities, so too did the attack against Teng spread through this medium. At the time of Hua's appointment a wall poster drive was launched at Peking University and later at the capital's Tsinghua University. This was turned with press attacks against opponents of Mao, using the familiar "capitalist roadster" label, and lashing out at "advocates of the right deviationist wind."

Another article in the "People's Daily" also hinted strongly at a struggle in the top echelons of the

Communist hierarchy after Chou's death. It said the question of who held power was especially important "at the moment of the fierce struggle of the two lines." And as in the period preceding the Cultural Revolution, the anti-rightist campaign was also taken to the streets in Shanghai, where posters now attack the inevitable "capitalist roadster" and "this evil wind."

None of these posters nor articles mentioned Teng by name but they were undoubtedly aimed at him because they referred to speeches and remarks made by him in the past. The main theme of these attacks was that the "chief representative" of the rightists had gathered around him a clique opposed to Mao's revolutionary policies and wishing to put China on the path to capitalism.

The reference to Mao's continuing defence of the results of the Cultural Revolution and struggle to ensure that his policy of continuing revolution are not overtaken by a headlong drive for economic growth. This is advocated by Teng and others in the party and government, who wish to turn China into a powerful, modern industrial state, with some compromise with capitalist tendencies, by the end of this century. The

radicals fear that this goal would overwhelm the "socialist new-born things" created by the Cultural Revolution: the revolutionary opera of Mao's wife, the barefoot doctors, the sending of millions of city youths to resettle the countryside and the new education programme, which stresses political rather than academic training.

THAT THIS IS worrying the radicals was demonstrated in a New Year editorial attack on those who are growing dubious about the merits of the Cultural Revolution and its results. They obviously fear that such "doubts" — undoubtedly widespread — could surface more and more were someone not in line with Maoist sentiments to have the reins of government in his hands.

It is difficult therefore to say whether Hua, a nobody until after the Cultural Revolution and not an out-and-out Maoist, will stay long at his post. A hot radical of the Shanghai type would undoubtedly have been strongly opposed by "moderate" sections of the party central committee and the army leadership. So Hua must have been selected as the closest thing to being "neutral" among the political members, and at present acceptable to both the so-called moderates who are still powerful and the resurgent extremists.

One thing forgotten by most Western observers of the China scene is that all of the Mainland Chinese power struggles have, in one way or another, had to do with opposition to Communism and Maoism. A leader may rise or fall depending on how he deals with the people's anti-Communist and anti-Maoist sentiments.

Thus it may be possible that the appearance of Hua at the centre of Peking's political stage will usher in a more violent phase of the power struggle.

While Mao grows older and more feeble and may not be able to appear in public, it is quite apparent that his grip on Chinese politics, paradoxically, grows stronger. He wants to see that the China he has created toes his revolutionary line, by keeping power away from men who don't share his views.

DOCTOR: 'NAIVE SCHOOLGIRL'

Weed gave Patty drugs

SAN FRANCISCO. — A psychiatrist who said Patricia Hearst had been "a naive schoolgirl" before her kidnapping, conceded under cross-examination Wednesday that she had smoked marijuana, used mescaline and may have experimented with LSD.

But Dr. L.J. West insisted that information had nothing to do with his evaluation of the 22-year-old heiress. He said he meant she had been "politically naive."

The prosecution's questions about drugs at Miss Hearst's bank robbery trial were allowed despite heated objections from her attorney, F. Lee Bailey, who said it was an irrelevant subject.

Dr. West gave a narrative of Miss Hearst's drug use, portraying her former fiancé Steven Weed as instigator of the experiments.

He said: "She had been given by Mr. Weed on several occasions drugs which she was told were... LSD and mescaline. I inquired what her effects had been and couldn't determine whether she ever had LSD. But the experiences she recounted on mescaline made me think she actually had been given mescaline."

Assistant U.S. Attorney David Bancroft then asked whether West hadn't given the doctor a different recollection. "Didn't he insist the defendant was constantly after him for LSD?" Bancroft asked.

After hedging on several further questions, West answered, "yes, she wanted to try it. He had had

experiences with it and she wanted it and he finally gave her some."

"Is this the girl," Bancroft asked, "you described on page 54 on your report as a naive schoolgirl?"

Then, in an angry speech from the witness stand, West cited the "political naivete" which he claimed made Miss Hearst's conversion into the revolutionary "Tania" difficult for the terrorist Symbionese Liberation Army. ("Tania" was the name Patricia Hearst used when she took part in the bank robbery along with other SLA members.)

When "Tania" was created, West said, "she was a creature of the surface — all form and no substance," and the terrorists had to give her political ideas.

"Obviously, I'm talking about the political naivete," West exclaimed, his voice rising, "and if you want to talk about the extent to which high school girls have been involved in experiments with drugs, I'll be glad to discuss it with you and quote statistics."

West, director of the UCLA Neuro-psychiatric Institute, gave defence testimony earlier which paralleled Miss Hearst's own witness stand account of fear and torture with the SLA. The doctor became visibly angered by Bancroft's effort to shake his credibility.

Bailey, who has raised few objections during the trial, leaped to his feet repeatedly with shouted protests, and finally asked the judge to cut off the cross-examination.

U.S. District Court Judge Oliver J. Carter, who upheld most of Bailey's objections, gave Bancroft a half hour to finish, and said, "I'm going to put you on the clock."

At one point, as Bancroft protested Bailey's numerous interruptions, the judge snapped, "If you don't think he has a right to object, you can go soak your head." (AP)

Japan wants to probe 3 Americans on Lockheed

TOKYO. — The Japanese Parliament decided yesterday to summon nine witnesses, including three Americans, for the second round of questioning about alleged multi-million dollar Lockheed Aircraft Corporation payoffs in Japan.

The three Americans are A.C. Kotchian, former vice chairman of Lockheed, who made payoff revelations before the U.S. Senate public hearings; Toshiyoshi Oni, manager at the Japan branch of Lockheed; and Shig Katayama, president of the United Steel Company and I-D Corp., who allegedly supplied false receipts for Lockheed.

Seijuro Aratame, chairman of the lower house budget committee, which is probing the scandal, said the summoning of the three American citizens as witnesses is subject to approval by the U.S. Government and the individuals concerned.

In Rome, the State Attorney investigating Lockheed's Italian connections questioned former Defence Minister Mario Tanassi on Wednesday evening in connection with allegations that he accepted substantial payoffs from the company in 1970. Tanassi refused comment after the interview.

Meanwhile, in Bonn, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said on Wednesday night that only U.S. domestic legislation — not an international business code of good conduct — can put an effective end to overseas payoffs by American-based corporations like the Lockheed Aircraft Corp.

Schmidt told the Bonn Foreign Press Association that the good conduct code now being drafted by the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation will be applicable only to multi-national corporations.

"What is now being disclosed in the U.S. has to do with a domestic corporation that does not have subsidiaries in West Germany, the Netherlands or Japan," Schmidt said. Such cases, he said, could be regulated only by putting teeth in domestic criminal or tax laws.

EMIGRANTS. — Only 13,312 Jews emigrated from the Soviet Union via Austria last year — a drop of nearly one-third compared to the 20,400 in 1974. Of 982 Soviet Jews reaching Austria in January, 456 had Israel as their destination.

Genscher asks Rome to free Nazi killer

BONN. — Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher, in a personal letter to his Rome counterpart Mariano Rumor, has strongly appealed for the release from an Italian jail of convicted Nazi war criminal Herbert Kappler, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

Kappler was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of 33 Italians killed in 1944 in reprisal for the deaths of 32 German soldiers in a Rome bomb incident. He is currently hospitalized in Rome, reportedly suffering from stomach cancer, after serving 30 years in an Italian military prison at Gaeta.

The sources said Genscher urged Rumor to intervene for Kappler's release on humanitarian grounds: that the 68-year-old former SS Lieutenant-colonel can be brought to West Germany for treatment.

In Frankfurt, a German court yesterday acquitted a former member of the Nazi SS of a charge he helped burn alive 400 Hungarian Jewish children. The court said there was no doubt the atrocity took place, but it found Willi Bawatzki 56, innocent of the charge that he took part in the — 1944 — massacre at Auschwitz extermination camp.

(AP, UPI)

UN man confers with Hussein and Rifai

AMMAN. — Roberto E. Guyer of Argentina, UN Undersecretary-general for special political affairs, held talks here yesterday with King Hussein and Premier cum Foreign Minister Zaid Rifai.

The talks concerned Jordan's participation in future sessions of the Geneva peace parley, Government sources said.

Guyer came here across the Allenby Bridge after holding talks in Israel. (UPI)

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THE FIFTH PAGE

WHEN THE government decided to train 85,000 eleventh and twelfth graders all over the country how to protect their schools in case of a terrorist attack, naturally the Gadna was assigned the task. When development towns and outlying areas were unable to attract sufficient teachers and youth workers once again it was only "natural" that the Gadna be called upon to provide the needed manpower.

Everyone is aware of the important role played by the Gadna, Israel's pre-military training command. Besides fulfilling the "special" functions described above, they work year round with underprivileged and under-educated youth, helping them to meet the standards required by the Army. Many a boy and girl have been saved from a dubious future and transformed into good soldiers and citizens by the Gadna.

Yet few people take the time to ask whether most of these tasks should not actually be done by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social Welfare. It is simply easier and more convenient to pass this particular buck to the Gadna command. Its staff are soldiers in uniform who will do the job, without threatening strikes, sanctions, or any of the other ills with which our services are plagued.

Just back from a recent five week stretch of reserve duties in one of the Gadna camps in the northern area, I can say without hesitation that the young soldiers of the Gadna are doing the job, and doing it well. Most of them volunteered for the Gadna with its tough youth instructors' course (considered the Army's most difficult course for girls). For the most part, they put their heart and soul into the work, and workdays of 14-15 hours—from before dawn to well into the night—are most unextraordinary.

"I was interested in this kind of work, and I felt I would be in a position to do much more for the country than if I were a clerk in the Army," one of the girls told me. "Of course, being a clerk is easier, with more leave (the instructors get a weekend off only once a fortnight), but with

Rafferty and the Gold Dust Twins (Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv). Rafferty (Alan Arkin) is a mild-mannered, middle-aged ex-Marine working for the California Department of Vehicles. While having a midday snack in the park he makes the acquaintance of two girls, a manager known as Friabee (Mackenzie Phillips) and a young woman called Mac (Sally Kellerman). They ask for a ride into Hollywood and off they go in Rafferty's ramshackle old car, but in no time at all Rafferty finds himself heading for New Orleans by way of Las Vegas after Friabee persuades him to do so by putting a gun to his head.

The film is billed as a comedy-drama but the dramatic moments are few as the ill-matched trio travel from one spot to another. The film offers a somewhat well-drawn characterisation of the various types they encounter.

Alan Arkin's role does not call on him to do much more than exude good nature (which he manages with ease), while Sally Kellerman, as a good-time girl who wants to become a pop singer, has little to do but smile. The best performance, and one that gives life to the film, is that of Mackenzie Phillips, who was so good as the adolescent Carol in



A high-school Gadna girl learns to use an FN automatic rifle.

GADNA DESERVES A BETTER DEAL

By YA'AOV FRIEDLER / Jerusalem Post Reporter

much less satisfaction of accomplishment.

WHAT THESE 18-to-20-year-old soldiers are able to do with a group of high school students during the single week of training was quite amazing. Most of the youngsters were obviously unused to discipline, yet after only a week in camp they had not only been trained to shoot straight, had the rudiments of first aid, field craft, and endurance, but had also been organized into physically-hardened and disciplined groups ready to step into the fore in any emergency. There were, of course, the hard core exceptions, including a few who had to be expelled,

but even the teachers who accompanied students were amazed at the fine work the young instructors had done.

But—and there is always a but—if the Gadna is expected to go on working these minor miracles, better conditions must be provided. The physical state of the camp was absolutely shocking. The paths have long since crumbled and every rain transforms the entire camp into an unrecognizable swamp. The worn-out water pipes burst several times a day, while the plumbing, by now beyond proper repair, is without a doubt a health hazard. Under such conditions even the best efforts of in-

structors and pupils cannot keep the camp clean and hygienic.

It took some of the pupils during their week-long stint. They had certainly not expected to be "pampered" in an Army camp. "After all, we must get used to the tough life," some youngsters, who will themselves enter the Army soon, told me. "But this is not tough, it's simply disgraceful."

The experience was obviously a shock to them, as they waded ankle-deep from mud-covered barracks to the mud-covered dining room. It was a regrettable introduction to the Armed Forces of Israel for the youngsters, an introduction that may well dampen their patriotic spirits.

MUST IT BE so bad? The camp staff shrugged their shoulders. "The Gadna has very low priority in the Army, and whatever we have is good enough, as far as the big brass is concerned. Nobody will listen to the requests of the Gadna."

"They're even economizing in the camp," was the despairing attitude.

Such conditions have of course had their effect and one can detect this in the general atmosphere. The volunteers among the instructors are still trying to do their best, despite dampened spirits, but many of the others are doing their best to get out of the Gadna—"and good riddance to it."

The seeming lack of regard for the Gadna may in time affect the excellent work it is doing. Then the government will have another big problem on its hands, and will need millions to solve it, if indeed, it can be solved. One cannot help but wonder whether it might not be efficient and economic to deal with the problem now, while it is still possible.

In the long run this will be a much cheaper investment.

Give the Gadna the higher priority it deserves. Provide it with the minimal requirements that will inject a new spirit into the force, and enable the Gadna youth to be proud of their camps, as well as the work they are doing.

The Diamond Mercenaries (Esther, Tel Aviv) is an action picture focusing on an attempt to burglar a huge diamond depot in South Africa. Large scale robberies are no novelty on screen, or off for that matter, but this one is planned like a wartime assault, with the gang comprised solely of mercenaries—all men of various nationalities with war experience.

There are all the usual ingredients of this type of film: shoot-outs, explosions and jeep wildly chasing one another over the sandy desert, and there is little attempt to characterize the members of the group.

A mature-looking Peter Fonda plays Bradley, the "leader" man who is "induced" to join the gang and plays an ambiguous role. Telly Savalas, his bald head gleaming and wearing his customary sardonic smile, is the man who tries to bring the robbers to justice. Maud Adams plays the young woman with whom Bradley is having an affair. She is the daughter of one of the heads of the diamond syndicate which, naturally, leads to a number of misunderstandings.

By no means the best of its kind. S.W.

An agreeable picture

AT THE CINEMA



Sally Kellerman, Alan Arkin and Mackenzie Phillips.

"American Graffiti." She has developed Friabee into a real personality.

Directed in a relaxed and easy manner by Dick Richards. An agreeable picture.

Impressive debut

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some of Mehta's extremes in tempo, volume, and climaxes seemed slightly overdone. The vehemence, the fierceness, the hectic virtuosity and brilliance were undoubtedly overwhelming, but there was also a crushing heaviness of sound, a total and ultimate exploitation of instruments, which only irritated.

Between these two extremes Silvia Marcovici's reading of Bruch's violin concerto stood out as a symbol of balance, sense of proportion and

steadiness of expression. I must admit that before the concert I had been a little sceptical about Miss Marcovici's choice but listening to her performance, one could hardly have wished for a finer, more noble, or more perfect rendition. Her feeling, the loveliness of her phrasing and the gleaming warmth of her tone are real gifts. Indeed, a most impressive debut.

CORRECTION
IN MY REVIEW of the "Festimonial" in The Post of Feb. 23 the following passage was inadvertently omitted: "The unrelenting task of presenting insufficiently prepared works fell on the shoulders of conductor Juan Pablo Izquierdo, whose efforts, under the existing circumstances, seemed almost futile."

WINTER BLUES

IT OCCURS TO ME / HADASSAH BAT HAIM

their boots, with the added possibility that they will break a leg.

This is not my scene, and I am thankful that except for freak conditions once every 30 years or so, the snowline stays well above Nahariya. It is a pleasure to have a change from the heat, but Switzerland we are not.

Winter brings many delights right into the home. Steaming broth and hot water bottles come to us like new discoveries. Then the concerts start; bridge and scrabble players sharpen their

pencils; we consume mountains of citrus and send off a box or two to dwellers in less fortunate climes.

FOR WHAT seems quite a long time, we breathe deeply of the crisp air and walk briskly through the wet streets to the shops, rejoicing in our restored energy. Then, inevitably, the day comes when the washing won't dry, when no amount of clothing protects that sensitive spot between the shoulder blades, and sudden little bundles creep in from school and kindergarten to form lakes on the carpet.

RECORD OF THE WEEK

By YOHANAN BOEHM

L. VAN BEETHOVEN: The "Kreutzer" Sonata and the "Spring" Sonata, played by Pinhas Zukerman and Daniel Barenboim (EMI—SHEZ 420). This recording seems to contain the same youthful exuberance of performance one would hope to find in a concert hall; it retains the freshness of immediacy, and the joy of making music is audible in every bar. With the technical resources at their command, there is everything in the performance one could wish to hear.

The novelty of fresh mud marks on the clean floor quickly wears off. Soon, the one remaining umbrella disappears, causing much dissension in the family.

Polishing shoes is a waste of time and to wash the smeary windows is just inviting a cloudburst. The gales that rattle the shutters and throw chunks of debris against the walls are fun only for the first few times. After that we wait for the tiles and television antenna to blow off. Sitting around swathed in blankets in order to save fuel has a muffling effect on the conversation. Slowly our thoughts turn to rheumatism and gloomily we point out to each other the probable results of prolonged exposure to damp. Could it be that we once, in the remote past, complained about the heat?

HEINE'S UNCLE — THE SHEIKH

By ERICH GOTTGEBER
Special to The Jerusalem Post

with whom he conversed in fluent French. He visited England, and in 1778 wrote an English adaptation, entitled "The Israelites on Mount Horeb," of a French oratorio by the Abbe de Voltaire, which in turn was based on the Italian original by a fellow adventurer, Giacomo Casanova.

Other languages in which the Chevalier achieved varying degrees of fluency were Hebrew, Arabic, Italian and Spanish. Once, when down and out in Paris, he tried to teach Hebrew. At other times, when down on his luck, he had no qualms about borrowing money.

WHAT HEINE did not know when he wrote his memoirs was that von Geldern made not one but three journeys to the Holy Land, then under Ottoman rule. He did not, however, like Jerusalem very much, and he wrote in one of his letters: "Life in this town is very difficult; no money left for food, and every hour brings new restrictions..."

On another occasion he described a personal adventure in Jerusalem: "There was a scholar who said I should marry his sister, a widow of 25. We got engaged, but afterwards I learned that she was weak-minded and I had second thoughts..."

When visiting other countries (including Egypt, where he was the first European to note the Cairo Geniza) von Geldern never failed to mention the Kabbalistic training he had received in Safed, and used to introduce himself as the "Doctor of

Kabbala from Bethulia in Galilee." Von Geldern spent the last ten years of his life in the service of the Grand Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt. During this time he is believed to have acquired the famous Darmstadt Haggada. He is known to have provided Abbe Gregoire with the material for his "Essai sur la reformation physique morale et politique des Juifs" (1789). The Napoleonic laws leading to the emancipation of the Jews in France and the rest of Europe were largely based on this work.

ALMOST two centuries later a modern member of the Chevalier's family visited this country. Dr. Martin de Geldern, whom I met in Jerusalem in the early 'fifties, was born in Amsterdam in 1910 and seemed to have inherited some of his exotic ancestor's oriental leanings. After completing his law studies, he was invited by a leading Dutch bank to spend a year in Afghanistan in order to study oil-drilling concessions. Forced to go underground during the German occupation of Holland (after first being arrested and then released), he used his enforced seclusion to learn classical Arabic and Persian and study oriental philosophy and literature. After the liberation, he entered the Netherlands Foreign Service and was posted for a time to the Dutch Legation in Teheran. Incidentally, he told me that his schooling at a Calvinist institution had not estranged him from his Jewish heritage.

To round out this picture of Heine's connections with Israel, it may be of interest to note that a great-grandniece of the poet lives in Tel Aviv. She is Mrs. Leonie Kaminski, a great granddaughter of Heine's sister Charlotte. Charlotte, who married a Hamburg merchant, lived to the age of 99 and Leonie Kaminski can still remember her.

She herself must have something of Charlotte Heine's vitality. She and her husband came to this country from Germany before the First World War and settled in Merhavim ("Golds' kibbutz"). Her husband had to return to Germany to do his military service but the couple came back after the war and their children were born here. Mrs. Kaminski is still active; when I interviewed her some time ago, our meeting had to be cut short so that she could get away to a Wizo meeting.

ELSE LASKER-SCHUELER: GERMAN JEWISH POETESS

THE ISRAEL MUSEUM in Jerusalem is currently exhibiting the drawings of Else Lasker-Schueler. But, this German-Jewish woman was far more renowned as a poet and novelist than as an artist. Her earliest collection of poems, "Styx," was published in 1902, and her first novel, "Mein Herz," in 1913. Her "Hebraische Balladen," mostly on Jewish themes, also appeared in 1913. The first edition of her collected works appeared in 1919-20 and some of her books were illustrated with her own drawings (some of which are included in the current exhibition at the Israel Museum).

Else Lasker-Schueler's work expresses her personal conception of God and the Jewish spirit. Unlike many German Jews, she felt an affection for East European Jews and this is reflected in a story—"Der Wunderbarbier von

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Barcelon," published in 1921. She first visited Palestine in 1934, but it was after her second visit in 1937 that she related her impressions of the country in "Das Hebraeerland," a book of poetic prose. The poetess finally settled in Jerusalem in 1939 and her last volume of poems was published here in 1943. She died in January 1945 and was buried on the Mount of Olives. In 1975, thirty years after her death, the Republic of West Germany issued a stamp bearing her portrait.

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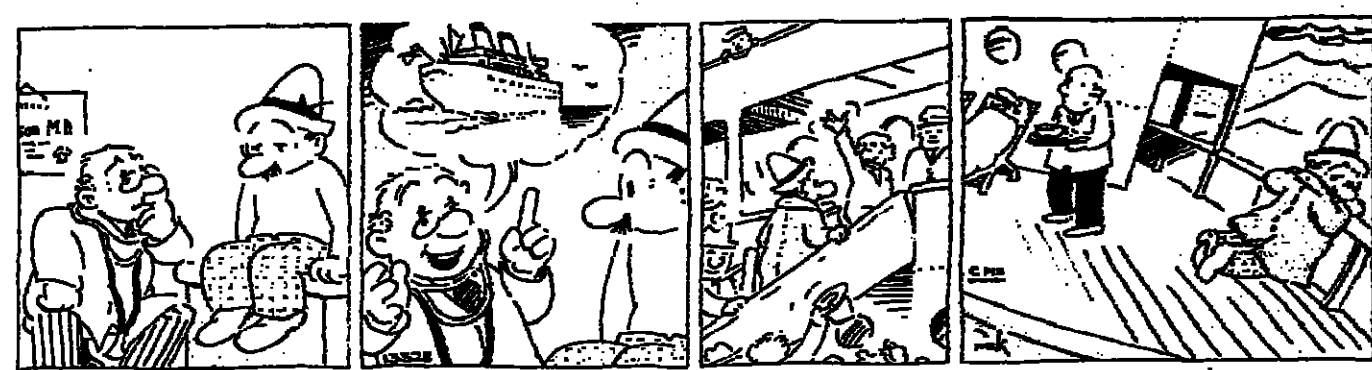
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Tender	Block	Parcel	Plot	Approx. area
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The allocation of the plot is dependent on the bidder obtaining a permit from the Min. of Commerce and Industry. Details, sample agreements and bid forms are obtainable at our District Office in Tel Aviv, 88 Derech Petah Tikva, first floor, room 15, during normal working hours.

The last date for submitting requests (for permit) to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is Feb. 23, 1976.

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28 Rehov Ahad Ha'am, Tel Aviv, Tel. 53061.

THE ATTACK on Mr. Sieff, cold-blooded though it was, with its element of face-to-face confrontation, seems to have been the first strike of the young Venezuelan urban guerrilla Rich Ramirez Sanchez, who, under the name of Carlos, led the Commando Boudia, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's European terrorist cell.

The cell, named after a dead Algerian terrorist, was originally set up in Paris. It had contacts with other terrorist groups in Europe, including the West German Baader-Meinhof gang, who made Carlos a gift of some stolen American M28 hand grenades. The cell's operations were moved to London temporarily after the French security service (DST) raided a villa outside Paris rented by terrorists of the Turkish Liberation Army, in which Carlos had stored some of his gang's weapons including the easily traceable M28 grenades.

Carlos made his second London attack on the Israeli Bank Hapoalim in the City of London. There, on January 25, 1974, a young man in his mid-twenties held open the bank's twin doors with one hand while with the other he threw in a bomb packed in a show box. A typist called Janet Kipling was injured after these attacks, Carlos determined it was time to return to France. He decided to hit right-wing and Jewish-owned newspapers. Plans were carefully laid. Explosives had to be shifted around various safe houses; cars had to be stolen.

In August 1974 the cell used car bombs in front of the offices of L'Aurore, the morning Marseilles, and the Jewish L'Arche. The operation was considered a great success. Beirut was very pleased.

CARLOS led the Commando Boudia for almost two years. As a terrorist cell it probably consisted of no more than eight people with occasional Palestinian trigger men being sent in from Beirut for special jobs. Yet during this period it moved easily between Paris and London, where Carlos's mother lived in a Kensington flat. (His younger brother, Vladimir, a Chelsea fan and a pupil at St. Marylebone Grammar School, played football with Jewish teenagers in the Maccabi. "They used to call me Isaac Ramirez," he told Hugh O'Shaughnessy, Latin American correspondent of the "Observer.")

THE CELL

The other known members of the cell were a middle-aged bespectacled South American with a heavy moustache, whose Ecuadorian passport said his name was Antonio Dages Bouvier, and Michel Wahab Mounkharbel, a Lebanese whom Carlos was to eventually shoot as an alleged traitor. Like Carlos, Bouvier lived alternately in Paris and London. Mounkharbel came to London less often, but travelled frequently between Paris and Beirut as the courier between the cell and PFLP headquarters. He frequently accompanied Carlos on the reconnaissance that always preceded major operations, and as he was responsible for the group's expenses, he made meticulous notes on the cost of everything from taxis to meals.

From time to time Carlos, perhaps without the knowledge of the other members of his cell, held meetings with three Cuban diplomats in Paris who the French later accused of being members of the Cuban secret service and expelled from the country.

The Commando Boudia was preparing for more car bombings in Paris, when the French DST made another arrest that necessitated a change of plan. The Japanese Red Army courier and paymaster,



A Yugoslav airliner damaged in January last year when a member of Carlos' terrorist cell fired a bazooka rocket at an El Al airliner at Orly Airport. The El Al plane was undamaged. (UPI)

A key man in European terror

"Carlos" was the man who shot Mr. Edward Sieff on the night of December 30, 1973, writes Colin Smith in the London "Observer," in the third instalment of his dossier on the international terrorist.

Yutuka Furuya, was picked up at Orly Airport in August 1974.

He was a big catch, and the JRA were determined to get him back. Naturally, the first people they turned to were the PFLP, who owed them a favour for the Lod Airport massacre they had performed on their behalf in May 1972.

The Commando Boudia was alerted and, after some discussion with a JRA representative in Zurich, it was decided that the best available target was the French Embassy at The Hague. Carlos and Mounkharbel went to The Hague by train on September 11 to case the Embassy. They returned via Amsterdam the following day to brief the JRA unit which had begun to form up in Paris. Mounkharbel faithfully recorded their journey on the stubs in his cheque book.

The raid on the Embassy took place the next day, the 13th. Before the Japanese left, the Commando Boudia gave them a present: some of their dwindling stock of M28 grenades. These were later found abandoned in the Embassy after the successful terrorists had flown to Syria.

ON SUNDAY September 15 the second day of the siege at The Hague Embassy young people were crowding into the Drugstore on St. Germain-des-Près. A member of the Commando Boudia leaned over the balustrade of the upper floor and threw an M28 grenade into the throng around the newspaper kiosk.

The explosion killed two people and injured 34 as the grenade's tiny wire fragments flew about at supersonic speeds.

A few people in the cafe had a fleeting impression of the man who threw the grenade before he disappeared in the pandemonium that followed. But although all the eyewitnesses agreed that he was a young man, wearing a worn, grey jacket, two thought he was a European and one a North African. Almost a year later the French police decided that this contradiction may well have been because the terrorist was neither one nor the other, but South American. He was Carlos.

At first the police were reluctant to believe that it was a political crime. Then a man speaking French with a strong accent telephoned two news agencies, Agence France Presse and Reuters, to say that the attack was a warning to the French and Dutch Governments to concede to the Japanese terrorists' demands in The

Hague. "Otherwise we shall attack a cinema next."

Detectives sifting through the debris at the Drugstore found the fuse from the grenade. From this they were able to discover that it was one of the batch stolen from the US Army in Germany by the Baader-Meinhof gang.

In the three years since they were stolen, the grenades or fragments of them picked from the bodies of their victims, formed a trail across Europe that revealed an astonishing degree of co-operation between different groups of urban guerrillas. It was a trail that convinced the police that Carlos was linked to all of them.

BAZOOKAS

AFTER the Drugstore bombing the PFLP cell suspended operations in Paris for three months. During this fallow period between operations Carlos and Mounkharbel were constantly assessing possible targets. One of the more obvious ones was the Israeli Ambassador in Paris. The security surrounding his working and private life was all carefully written down in a notebook later discovered by the police.

Then, towards the end of the year, they were smuggled the most sophisticated weapons yet given them and their plans became much more ambitious. They got rocket launching RPG 7s, a Russian version of the anti-tank bazooka, and a three-man Palestinian team to operate them. They planned to try to destroy an El Al airliner and its passengers on the tarmac at Orly.

Fortunately, the hands of the Commando Boudia the bazookas might as well have been shotguns. Twice within the same week in January 1975, they tried to explode an El Al plane at Orly by aiming at its fuel tanks. The first time they missed and hit a Yugoslav airliner by mistake (giving rise to speculation that it may have been the work of Croatian terrorists).

The second attempt was more of a suicide attack. One of the dozens of CRS riot police now surrounding every El Al aircraft on the ground watched incredulously as a hooded man appeared on the terrace of the terminal building and carefully levelled a rocket launcher at the plane he was guarding. He promptly fired his sub-machinegun at the man, who threw a grenade back. In

the running gun fight that followed in the airport lounge, three terrorists took 10 passengers hostage and held them in a lavatory until the authorities agreed to let them fly to Baghdad. During negotiations they told the police that they were members of the Commando Boudia.

Once again the Commando Boudia went to ground and Carlos, sometimes accompanied by Mounkharbel, travelled about Europe. There were frequent trips to London and Zurich, where the cell had a numbered bank account, and in May, Carlos went to West Germany alone for talks with the Baader-Meinhof group. He found them in a jubilant mood over the kidnapping of Peter Lorenz, the West German politician. Among them was the girl Gabriele Kroecher-Tiedeman, who was eventually to accompany Carlos on the OPEC raid.

Then, on June 13, Mounkharbel returned from a trip to the Middle East with bad news. In Beirut he had been picked up by the Lebanese security service and interrogated for a day and a night. Towards the end of his interrogation a foreigner came into the room and listened quietly to his answers. He thought he was an American, a CIA man. After this man's visit they had let him go.

Carlos was furious with the Arab. Had he no sense at all? Didn't he realise that he had almost certainly been released on CIA advice in the hope that he would lead them to other members of the cell? The DST had probably been telling him from the moment he landed at Orly.

But when the anger cooled, Carlos began, as he usually does in a crisis, to react very coolly. He decided that the worst thing he could do was bolt. He must assume that he was now under surveillance and any attempt at flight would result in his immediate arrest. His best chance lay in convincing the DST that he was just a spoilt Venezuelan playboy, an acquaintance of Mounkharbel's certainly, but no more than that. The strain of playing this waiting game was tremendous.

The loyal Mounkharbel tried to draw the hounds off. He arrived in London on June 21 only to be bounced back by British Special Branch who had been forewarned by their French counterparts. For the DST were very keen to keep him in play in Paris; he was like a pinball, ricocheting about in a small arena, lighting up the DST's scoreboard as he desperately sought the help he needed to get out.

Alone and completely demoralised.

ed, his arrest by the DST on 23 June came almost as a relief. But of Carlos there was no sign.

IN THE two years he was running the Commando Boudia, Carlos's cover was that of a young economist employed by an international company whose work required a lot of foreign travel. Between trips he liked to talk about women, drink brandy and play poker. Most casual acquaintances came away with the impression that he was merely a fast playboy who enjoyed a good time. It was a good cover because it was very near the truth.

One of Carlos's greatest joys was that he was able to claim an energetic sex life as a legitimate working expense. He had four girlfriends, two either side of the Channel, whose homes he used either as safe houses or dead letter boxes. Three of these girls were Latin Americans and one was Spanish.

Angela Otala, a dark 22-year-old Basque girl, met him at the steak house where she worked as a waitress, and soon her Baywatch bodice was being used to store forged passports, explosives and guns.

Carlos's other girl friend in London was a much older woman. He met Maria Nidya Tobon de Romero, a handsome Colombian divorcee and mother of three, when she was doing a post-graduate course at the LSE. She acted as a "banker" for him, and looked after some of his London library of forged passports. Neither woman knew of the other, nor of Carlos's mother and brothers living in Kensington.

In Paris it was the same. Two girlfriends, neither aware of the other's existence, lived within 15 minutes' drive of each other. Amparo Silveira-Masmela, a quiet Colombian girl who worked in a bank, kept enough of the Commando Boudia's explosive to blow the whole apartment-house sky high.

Nancy Sanchez was a Venezuelan student of anthropology.

On June 27 last year, after four years as a housewife at the Sorbonne, Nancy was leaving for Venezuela to study a remote tribe of Indians. Her flight was at 10 p.m. so her farewell party started late in the afternoon and was still going fairly strong when she left for the airport at 8.30. Carlos, who by now had an aversion to airports, stayed behind and kept the party going.

In the early evening of the second day of his imprisonment, Mounkharbel had Three DST agents accompanied the Arab to Nancy's flat in Rue Toulon, none of them bothered to arm themselves.

CARLOS KILLS

When the agents rang the bell, Carlos welcomed them at the door of the flat with a bottle in his hand. He invited them in. The party was breaking up. A couple of girls who had remained with Carlos walked into another room while they talked. Carlos made himself out to be a little drunker than he was. When the agents asked him to come down to their office he grew petulant. When they gently insisted, he said he must stay in the bathroom. First he came out with a big Russian automatic in his hand and shot all four men in less than 10 seconds. Mounkharbel, who had dived to the floor when the shooting started, was the last to die.

Meanwhile, the DST were going through the possessions of the "dirty Arab." In Mounkharbel's cheque book they found a stub which referred to a payment of £250 to one Silveira-Masmela. When they raided her flat they found the Commando Boudia's entire stock of weapons there, including something they had expected to find: the last of the M28 grenades stolen by the Baader-Meinhof gang in 1971.

Carlos was next to appear, much stunned by his six months on the run, at the OPEC raid in Vienna. It is not known how he got out of France. (The Observer)

JEWES OF THE PACIFIC

THE JEWISH SCENE / GEOFFREY WIGODER

AN EARLY EPISODE of "Ironside" brought the Chief and Sergeant Brown to a San Francisco synagogue where they attended a service, suitably attired in kippot. To my knowledge, Steve McGarratt and his associates have yet to have a similar experience, but it would not be inconceivable. The Jewish community of Hawaii has established a Reform temple with a membership of over 250 families, while a splinter group of young members has now founded a Conservative congregation.

The first reference to Jews in Hawaii seems to date from 1788, when a visiting whaling ship's log reported the visit of the king accompanied by "a Jew cook." Individual Jews arrived there in the 19th century, including traders from England and Germany and those from California.

Somewhat, the royal family came into possession of a Tora scroll and a Tora pointer, and the Queen had the former draped around her tent. Later the scroll was borrowed by the Jewish community for use at services but has since disappeared: the pointer is still in use at the Reform synagogue.

The beginning of this century saw the foundation of the Jewish community and the consecration of a cemetery. The number of Jews living on the islands is generally put at around a thousand, but it seems likely that there may be another two or three thousand who are there, but unaffiliated. Some of them arrived during World War II and stayed; others have come subsequently. They are prominent in the professions and in academic life (more than 80 per cent of the faculty in the law school are Jews). Surprisingly few are in business.

A report in the "Jewish News" of Essex County, New Jersey, notes that last year the Jewish community of Hawaii was the first in the U.S. to pass its U.J.A. target. Israel's Independence Day celebrations last year attracted an audience of 2,000 people who sat among the palm trees and applauded a programme of Israeli culture. A seder held in the ballroom of the Hilton Hawaiian Village attracted an attendance of 150.

The report notes the growing tendency of many Hawaiian Jews to identify with the Jewish community.

WHILE A Jewish community in Hawaii is not so surprising, the existence of a community on the Pacific atoll of Kwajalein is somewhat unexpected. The story is told in "JWB Circle," published by the National Jewish Welfare Board of America, who caters to the needs of American Jewish military personnel, wherever they may be found.

There are now 87 Jews — military and civilian personnel — stationed on this atoll, which is 9,400 km. from California. The entire island is 5.6 km. long and 4 km. wide. It was the scene of vigorous fighting in World War II and is near the scene of nuclear bomb tests. It is now the site for ballistic missile testing under the direction of the U.S. Army, which employs contractor personnel for research and the development of new types of rocket projectiles. Engineers and scientists are brought to Kwajalein to participate in these experiments, and some stay for as long as ten years.

For many years, the Jews there had no real home. The one existing chapel was built solely for Protestant and Catholic worship. Then, about three years ago, some of the Jews felt they should have their own centre. The dream was born on the occasion of a bar mitzvah celebration, which was followed shortly thereafter by the traditional wedding of an Israeli couple living there. As there was no Jewish place of worship, the wedding ceremony was held out of doors, with a chuppah made from palm branches, which was afterwards maintained as a communal sukkah.

Now the community has its own centre, thanks largely to the dedicated work of community leader Melvin Winkerman, a registered X-ray technician. It is a house trailer complete with air-conditioning, a kosher kitchen, three classrooms and a synagogue area seating 55 people. The activities include Sabbath evening services, religious school and adult Jewish education classes.

The community has a president, secretary and treasurer, plus planning and education committees. Members of the community have specific duties such as a Hebrew teacher, and as the chaplain who organizes the weekly Oneig Shabbat.

FOURTH Division Club Bradford City has produced the biggest shock of this year's English Football Association Cup when they defeated first division Norwich City, 2-1, in a mid-week match.

The memorable fifth round victory on the Norwich ground put Bradford into the quarter-finals, playing at home against South.

In a fifth round second replay, Newcastle United edged the Bolton Wanderers, 2-1 at Leeds and will be away to Derby County.

The revised quarter-final draw: Sunderland v. Crystal Palace; Derby County v. Newcastle United; Manchester United v. Wolverhampton Wanderers; and Bradford v. Southampton. Ties to be played on March 6.

CLOWNING AROUND

He Nastase, keeping his clowning and controversy to a minimum, ended the three-year reign of Jimmy Connors and won the U.S. National Indoor open tennis championships this week in Salisbury, Maryland, with a straight set victory, 6-2, 6-3, 7-6.

Connors, seeking an unprecedented fourth consecutive title, was outplayed consistently by his long-time Rumanian doubles partner, who won the title in 1970 and was the runner-up in 1972.

The two controversial "bad boys" of tennis were strictly business as they battled for the \$9,000 first prize, but Nastase was far steadier as he won with stunning ease.

"He sometimes has flashes of unbelievable brilliance," Connors said later. "He is awfully good for the game, no matter what is said about the guy."

Nastase, who has been a storm of controversy during his sometimes brilliant career, just recently caused an uproar when he made some alleged anti-Semitic remarks during a tournament in Catonsville, Maryland.

In Detroit, top-seeded Chris Evert defeated ninth-ranked Rosemary Casals 6-4, 6-3 for the \$15,000 top prize on the Detroit stop of the Women's Professional Tennis Tour.

The victory gave Miss Evert her second title this year on the tour.

NICKLAUS AGAIN

Jack Nicklaus, who claimed a record fifth Masters Golf Championship last year in an incredible final round showdown with Johnny Miller and Tom Watson, heads a field of 68 U.S. players invited to compete in

Biggest English soccer shock

THE WORLD OF SPORTS

this year's masters.

The tournament is scheduled for April 8-11 over the Augusta, Georgia, National Golf Club course where Nicklaus won the title with a 12-under-par 278 last year, edging by one shot Miller and Walskopf.

The two will rank among the favourites again. The field will also include a contingent of foreign players, but that invitation list has not yet been released.

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, Hale Irwin, the 1974 U.S. open champion, won the \$185,000 Glen Campbell-Los Angeles open with a final-round 68 for a 212 total, a record for this tournament.

Irwin, whose share of the prize was \$37,000, gained five strokes on his 28-year-old rival when Tom Watson bogeyed again and finished two strokes behind with a two-over-par 73 in the final round and a 274 total.

South Africa's Gary Player finished third at 277 with a 67 on his final round, but he never threatened the two leaders.

BOXING

The European Boxing Union has banned Belgium's heavyweight champion, Jean-Pierre Cooman, for two years from fighting for the European crown following his fifth round knockout last week at the hands of world champion Muhammad Ali in Puerto Rico.

Union Secretary-General Piero Fini said the unanimous decision

was made by the E.B.U.'s General Ruling Council as a result of Cooman's "open contempt for the interests of others and for his detrimental conduct for European boxing."

Cooman's manager, Karl Jaeger, has been expelled from the Belgian Boxing Federation and will be unable to carry out any boxing activity.

The Union had warned Cooman last December that he would be risking a ban if he met Ali in the San Juan bout, which it branded as a mismatch and "a disgrace to European boxing." The E.B.U. said Cooman must fight Britain's Richard Dunn for the European title in a contest set for last January 20.

Jaeger ignored the warning and said the organizers of the Cooman-Dunn proposed fight had not produced the contract in time.

SUCCESSIVE SUCCESS

Dwight Stones sailed an extra quarter-inch last Monday to break the world record he had set the night before and finished the San Diego indoor games owning a new mark of 7 feet 6 1/2 inches in the high jump.

Stones had the bar raised to 7-6 1/2 after beating the rest of the field with a 7-4 leap.

HOT AIR RACE

The World's first international hot air balloon race will start in Johannesburg on May 24 with balloonists from 11 countries entered: South Africa, the U.S., Canada, Britain, France, West Germany, Sweden, Belgium, Hong Kong, Holland and Afghanistan.

The race, in six stages, will start from Johannesburg and finish at Pietermaritzburg a bout 560 km. away. It will be limited to 15 entries, and will start every day from a set point. The points will be allocated as the balloons finish the day's run.

The race has been approved as an international event by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, world body controlling aviation sport.

STILL UNBEATEN

South Africa's triples team remains the only unbeaten side in the World Bowls Championship in Johannesburg after New Zealand hunted England both in the pairs and trips in the eighth round.

The Springboks had little difficulty against Western Samoa in both events and now are at the top of both tables.

Israeli bowlers lost to their U.S. rivals by 13-25 in the pairs and 7-25 in the triples.

Overseas labour hunt for Haifa N-power station

By YAA'OOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Electric Corporation has been scouting abroad for qualified workers to build the country's first nuclear power station, but it also wants to use as many local people as it can, even at the cost of retraining them.

In a recent interview, Moshe Nelken, head of the Corporation's Research and Development Department, said that whoever of the three interested U.S. firms is chosen to build the new station will have to utilize Israeli scientific and engineering skills to the fullest. The only qualification to this guideline is that such use must not interfere with safety or efficiency.

"We are using people from our own staff, from the country's scientific institutions and from local engineering firms," Nelken explained. "All planning on the timing, siting and capacity of the nuclear plant is to be done here by Israeli engineers. The detailed plans for the complex plant will be a cooperative project, with the work done by the engineering staff of the American company paralleled by a team of Israelis. (This will be of use when Israel wants to build another such station.)

"There must be reliance on American know-how. Their designers are people with extensive experience who have designed many nuclear

plants of this type. How much of the work will be planned here and how much by the Americans is hard to judge at this stage."

Research engineer Nelken lists the assignments already farmed out to Israeli engineers and scientists: Preliminary surveys and planning are carried out in a cooperative effort in which 12 staff engineers of the IEC, experts of scientific institutions and private and public consulting firms are taking part. Site and soil studies are undertaken by Tahal, the Geological Institute of the Government, the Technion's Soil Engineering Laboratory and the Oceanic and Limnological Research Company in Haifa. These experts are joined by two consultant engineers invited from the U.S.

Nelken noted plans to send 10 partly qualified people abroad for additional experience. "We are also scouting for Israeli engineers living abroad and for potential immigrants willing and qualified to work on the project," he said. "We have published advertisements in the U.S. and received many enquiries," but when the IEC sent an engineer to the U.S. to interview them, only a third were willing to come to see him, although the Corporation offered to pay their travel expenses. "So far only a few have accepted, one of them an immigrant and we have come to realize how hard it is to recruit people overseas."

IF YOU'RE A NEW IMMIGRANT with customs concessions, scrapping together enough money may be the easiest step in the tiring and frustrating process of getting the household goods you need from the manufacturer's warehouse to your home.

Before you even venture into the confusion, take it for granted that you'll have to run from one office to another (Remember! They're usually closed in the afternoon and on Friday); that you'll probably have to stand in long queues (Bring along a good book); that most official forms are written only in Hebrew (Take a dictionary with you) and that explanatory booklets in your mother tongue are few and far between ("Sorry," says the Customs Administration. "There are printing delays").

If things go smoothly and you have gotten through the customs process with little trouble, consider yourself lucky.

The first hurdle is the decision on whether to buy locally made or imported goods. For Israeli products, you don't have to pay in foreign currency; you are more likely to get prompt service if they go on the blink; you may get a discount from the manufacturer; and you'll probably get the goods faster.

Some immigrants, motivated by snobism or misinformation, insist on buying only imported goods because they are supposedly of higher quality than "blue-and-white" goods. Before you do, ask your friends for comments on the products they have bought and think of the foreign currency the country is losing if you buy imported items.

A new immigrant or temporary resident generally has three years of customs privileges on household goods. The time limit is extended, however, if you began compulsory military service during your first three years. In addition, service on a border settlement, study at an institute of higher learning or a yeshiva and absence from Israel for at least six months during the first three years are also reasons for possibly lengthening the period of concessions.

A recent change in regulations allows the director of customs to extend your purchase tax exemptions through your fourth year if you buy a locally made refrigerator, TV, over-range, washing machine, heater, cooking gas tank, gas metre and equipment for care of the fuel system. Officially, the exemption period is extended only if you previously bought "items of small worth." In practice, the ambiguous regulation leaves the decision up to the customs officials and is variously applied around the country.

As a new settler, you are granted substantial reductions or complete exemptions on purchase tax for appliances and other household items plus discounts on the basic price of some items if they are locally made. Perhaps the most difficult step is to find out which products, manufacturers and retailers offer these discounts.

New immigrants can get exemptions or reductions on purchase tax (and, of course, don't pay customs) for locally made goods. In addition, the Customs Administration has



How to negotiate the customs maze

Adjusting to life in Israel is difficult for the new immigrant and the Customs authorities don't do anything to make it easier. JP reporter Judy Siegel gives advice on overcoming difficulties that face a new immigrant trying to use his "rights."

signed agreements with a number of manufacturers — supposedly those with a reputation for good service and high quality. If you buy the specified items from such manufacturers, you can get discounts of up to 20 per cent (half paid by manufacturer or dealer and half by Customs.)

If you buy a dining table and chairs in one store and get a discount on the price, don't be misled into thinking that everything sold there has a discount. Lists of recognized manufacturers prepared by Customs are generally scarce or obsolete. Before you buy, call the personal imports division of the Customs Administration for information (02-60121 — ask for yviva).

When you finally decide what you want, get an order form from the store and take it to your local Customs office. (The earlier in the morning you get there, the shorter the lines are likely to be.) Take with you everything you can think of, including your *tevatot* card, your foreign passport (including any old passports you used during your period of residence in Israel — goods could have been stamped in old passports), and a copy of your lease (if you rent a flat) or proof of ownership of your flat (Customs reasons that if you don't have a place to put furniture or other heavy items, you have no right to exemptions or reductions on them). Make sure that the address on your flat's lease or proof of ownership corresponds with that in your order form (to prove that the goods are

customs concessions is more frustrating (is it because there really must be so much paperwork or because they want to discourage foreign purchases?).

The imported goods are divided up among several categories: goods exempt from customs and purchase tax when imported from any country; those exempt from customs and tax when brought from the settler's "country of origin" (country where he lived for at least a year prior to aliyah); and those not exempt from customs duties.

The Customs Administration, following a Government policy of encouraging the manufacture of local products, has changed the regulations on some goods. Sewing machines, for example, have been removed from the "country of origin" list so that only locally assembled machines are tax-free. Ellenberg explained that when a local company gets a good reputation (Mardix is locally assembled), efforts can be made to encourage immigrants to buy its product. He conceded that a careful study of the quality of these items are not made by Customs, but that "such companies must be good if they've stayed in business so long."

Always check Customs booklets or call the Administration for the latest information on categories of imported products.

You must purchase the imported item through a recognized agent to enjoy customs reductions or exemptions. You must also give the agent or dealer proof that you paid for the item with your own foreign currency and that no allocation of foreign currency in any form was made by the Treasury to finance such importation.

Always ask the agent or dealer how long it will take to get the goods (it must be within your period of concessions) and how they will reach your home.

He will ask for your documents if you agree to give him power of attorney (permission for him to free the goods for you at the port of entry). Always ask for a receipt for these documents and check them when they are returned to ensure that no improper additions were made in them. A fee is generally charged for freeing the goods through customs.

The new immigrant has the right, however, to free the goods himself at the port or airport (though he is often not told this by the agent or dealer). The bill of lading must, in any case, be in the name of the person who has customs privileges. Freeing the goods yourself at Ben-Gurion Airport is quicker and more pleasant than it used to be, since Customs House moved from an old building near the warehouses to a modern, well-lit building near Agrexco. There are even comfortable seats for waiting in line. Make sure to look out carefully for the signs directing you to the right place; in the past they have been small and unobtrusive.

After all your papers are checked (don't forget all your documents!), and the payment of any possible duties or charges, the goods are handed to you.

This tangled process shouldn't scare you. Anyway, at least it lasts for only three years.

Tourism grants

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Tourism Ministry is planning to offer grants of from 10 to 20 per cent investments to build popular-grade hotels in recommended tourist locations.

The grants, which would go into effect in April, would be 20 per cent for the cheapest hotels, grades one and two, and 10 per cent for grade three.

The plan, disclosed by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, is expected to encourage hotel construction of a type that would suit the expected increase in popular tourism following liberalization of charter flight regulations. He pointed out that recommendations for measures to encourage such hotel construction were contained in the Heth Committee's report, submitted last January.

ISRAELI WILL play host to 100 international congresses this year. According to an estimate quoted by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, they will be attended by 43,500 foreign delegates — an all-time record number. Mr. Kol pointed out that this was partly due to 1976 having been declared a Year of Pilgrimage by Jewish organizations in the Diaspora, many of which are to hold their annual conventions in Israel.

Hotel discount for charter tourists

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Charter tourists will get a 25 per cent discount at Israeli hotels, Tourism Minister Moshe Kol told Adi Amoral, MK (Alignment-Labour) at question-time Tuesday.

Kol said he would approve a Hotel Association request to raise dollar rates by 10 per cent as of next month, instead of the 15 per cent requested.

He said Israel provided tourist services more cheaply than the U.S., Europe, or other continents. The problem was that the air fare made up two thirds of the tourist package.

Fired academics may receive aid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Commerce and Industry Ministry will attempt to find new posts for university researchers fired as result of the Government's budget cuts in higher education, according to the Ministry's Chief Scientist, Yitzhak Yacov.

Writing to university heads recently, Yacov expressed his concern over staff reductions and added that researchers with interesting projects may apply for Government aid in their work.

Tel Aviv University recently fired 30 academic staff members because of the Government's cut in funding.

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET:

Another dull day

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Stockbrokers seemed to be more absorbed in their private conversations than in the goings on at the exchange.

Both the poor weather and the lack of any compelling economic news seemed to contribute to making yesterday the second lackadaisical session in a row.

Ten year index-linked bonds traded without change in price. The offer of approximately 112m. was quietly disposed by the recent best buyer, the Bank of Israel. In other parts of the bond market trading was quiet and prices mixed. The 6.5 per cent Defence Loan bonds traded slightly on the downside. Soon-to-mature optional loans eased by 1-3 points. Near the end of the session prices firmed and a somewhat stronger tone was felt throughout.

out the list. The volume for bonds was 112.8m.

Stocks followed suit and traded quietly without much variation in prices. Trading in the stocks of Israel Land Development Corporation and in Anglo-Israeli Investors was stopped due to an announcement affecting both of these companies. ILC announced its willingness to purchase the minority shareholders' holdings of Anglo-Israeli. The value of the offer was (nominal value) IL75 in debentures for each IL100 (nominal value) of Anglo-Israeli shares. Volume for all shares traded was 111.7m. Of the total, IL229,000 was traded in the variables.

A \$50,000 offer of Nafat did not affect its price, which remained at IL5.69. At this price \$150,000 changed hands.

The black market dollar remained steady at about IL10.15.

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5% Debit 1976	262.5	262.5	Lighting & Supply	140	138
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Anglo-Israeli 1999	499	497	Anglo-Israeli 1999	100.5	100.5
Anglo-Israeli 2000	499	497	Anglo-Israeli 2000	100.5	100.5

Japanese try Jewish food at Israel Food Fair

TOKYO. — More than 500 curious Japanese food dealers tried Jewish bean soup, slipped Israeli wine and pondered whether to import these products this week at Japan's first Israel Food Fair.

Israeli officials said the fair, which ended yesterday, would help Israel's exports to Japan. In 1975, Israel exported \$2.8m. worth of food to Japan.

"We have attracted many more visitors than expected," said Rami Zelig, director of Yotv Haiman, the Corporation for Exhibitions and Fairs. "And many of the visitors were professionals. They examined our products very seriously and asked a lot of questions. We were busy all day."

The Japanese dealers took brochures, tried olive pastes for sandwiches, asked questions, made notes, and then proceeded to the next booth.

Among the most popular products were dried vegetables, citrus juice and carmel wines an embassy official said.

"Israeli juice is 100 per cent pure. But in Japan, much of the so-called fruit juice is 50 per cent pure, and the rest is various additives. The Israeli product tastes much better, but the point is whether it sells well or not," a dealer said after examining Israeli juice.

"I tried almost all kinds of food displayed but dried vegetables," said Junko Tanaka, secretary of a Tokyo trading firm. "They are very sweet and nice. In addition, they taste exotic."

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DM/\$	2.5570/60	2.5475/50	2.5380/70
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Y/\$	2.0185/200	2.0065/080	1.9875/895

Eyes on U.S. election

THE SUCCESS of Ronald Reagan in this week's Republican primary elections in New Hampshire has highlighted the challenge facing President Ford. Thrust into office without benefit of an election, Mr. Ford has not yet been able to fortify his hold as incumbent to the degree necessary to fend off foes not only from the Democratic side, but from within his own party.

Moreover if Mr. Reagan is able to mount the kind of challenge that would take him through the other forthcoming primaries and into the Republican Party convention as a genuine contender, Mr. Ford would be weakened even if he held onto the Republican mantle in the electoral competition with his Democratic rival. It is therefore only the disarray within the Democratic Party, at least at this stage, that can be a source of encouragement for the Republican Party.

As the New Hampshire contest showed, foreign policy issues are likely to figure prominently in the primary contests and in the presidential election campaign itself. This is especially likely as hopes rise that the U.S. economy is finally pulling out of the economic slump that has beset it for the past two years.

There is a danger, therefore, that the Administration may seek to force through what could be presented at home as foreign policy achievements in order to score with the voters. And, in fact, analysts in Washington have in recent weeks pointed out increasingly that Israel and the Middle East could be a target for such a strategy.

However, the more imminent danger does not lie in the supposed readiness of the Administration to seek quick and easy compromises at Israel's expense. Rather it rests in the possibility that the Arabs will perceive this to be possible in Washington and will be tempted to orient their political and military policy around such an expectation.

It is for this reason that the election year in America could become a catalyst not for achievement, but for unrest in our area.

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS

Brezhnev appeals to Washington

HA'ARETZ (Independent) discusses the implications for the Middle East of Mr. Brezhnev's speech at the 28th Congress of the CPSU, noting that "Mr. Arstaf may have been disappointed that neither he nor the PLO were mentioned by name, with Brezhnev referring only to the Palestinians. While Brezhnev did not reiterate the demand for reconvening the Geneva conference, he said the USSR would be prepared to cooperate with Washington even outside the UN framework. Yet the Geneva conference was set up as a result of Resolution 338, and Dr. Waldheim himself convened it in 1973.

"The main point Brezhnev made concerning the Middle East was to appeal to Washington to help bring about a U.S. - Soviet agreement to settle the problems of the region, with the U.S. withdrawing from 'Arab territory' and the establishment of a third state between Jordan and Israel. While Dr. Kissinger has avoided allowing the USSR the same measure of influence as the U.S. in the region, there are powerful circles in the Administration that feel that there are no prospects for settling the conflict without Arab involvement. It now remains to be seen whether reports that Dr. Kissinger's position is weakening are true, as this will affect the U.S. response to Brezhnev's initiative."

DAVIA (Histadrut) commenting on the outcome of the primaries in New Hampshire does not reinforce President Ford's standing, and indicates that he will be facing a tough struggle. "This was the first time he has faced the voter in the race for the presidency or even the vice-presidency, and New Hampshire was a kind of vote of confidence. He will need all the support he can muster among public opinion, and among consolidated ethnic groups."

Discussing the issues at stake in the elections, the paper says that on the home front economic issues overshadow all others, but this is not where the confrontation between President Ford and Ronald Reagan lies. "However, there are differences over détente — as reflected in the remark of a campaigner for Ford that 'if the president is defeated, it will be because of Mr. Nixon's visit to Peking.'"

READERS' LETTERS

A PLEA TO STOP PETTY BICKERING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — From my perspective as an American Jew, I see Israel as constantly in peril. Enemies and adversaries, and those who will just stand by and watch, are almost non-existent. The challenge for survival seems often too great.

I believe that it is time for you to recognize that you can, in this terrible world, be your own worst enemy. The petty bickering of your politicians, your leaders and your newspaper writers provides example after example of sin against the Jewish people.

Your Prime Minister has just completed his most recent trip to our land in search of support. In the fog of pettiness has prevented you from noticing, his trip from the American viewpoint was most successful. His presence on the American scene was felt very deeply and positively at a time when there was too much movement in the direction of support for the revived Palestinian movement. In the halls of Congress, on the grounds of the White House, on the television screen, his words did Israel proud.

I gather, however, that back in Israel your press and your politicians have buzzed like little bees about the trip of some personal conversations concerning the attitudes of correspondents, and have blown terribly out of proportion comments that may have been innocently made concerning a shopping list, so as to fire an unfortunate feud between the Prime Minister and your Defense Minister. A feud which might be non-existent if all of your leaders not in the office of Prime Minister controlled their desire to be Prime Minister long enough to allow the incumbent a decent opportunity to do his job for the State of Israel.

Which leads me to my last crying hope and prayer: Can you, the people of Israel and the leaders of Israel, keep your focus on the ultimate need, the need to subordinate your personal ambitions for the good of the State, the need to give your Prime Minister a chance to discharge the burdens of his office to the best of his ability? PAUL S. BERGER Washington, February 9.

POSTSCRIPTS

IT IS NOT YET KNOWN how much "tactless" will result from President Sadat's week-long visit to his oil-rich Arabian cousins. But they certainly went to town in entertaining him, judging by wire service reports. Figuratively speaking, of course, since the high spots took place in the desert.

In Saudi Arabia, Sadat and King Khalid were guests of honor at a banquet in a tented desert encampment and braved the rain (sic) to join Beduin warriors in the "Arabah," an ancient Arab war dance, sabres in hand. (Frankly, we prefer to hear about this kind of sabre-rattling.) Later they sat down to a meal of grilled baby camel — less distinguished guests were served roast lamb.

The next day, the two leaders went off to hunt deer and game birds with falcons. They were expected to discuss politics (and presumably finance) during this hunting trip.

We trust that these high jinks in the desert were televised and that we shall have an opportunity of seeing them via satellite. In the meantime, we are amusing ourselves by arranging a suitable celebration for that longed-for messianic day at the end of hostilities, belligerency or war.

For the meal, grilled fish fillet, perhaps, to be followed by baked chicken. Then a combination hors-d'oeuvre. However the desert falcon hunt will have to be replaced (we still have enough desert in the Sinai but not enough trained falcons), maybe by a visit to a football match. F.D.

OVER THE MANY YEARS we have spent in this and other hot climates we have achieved a modicum of co-existence with the common cockroach.

Now we learn from UPI that this kitchen companion can eat almost anything, including powerful cancer-causing agents. A biology teacher at Virginia Commonwealth University says he has fed groups of roaches different concentrations of aflatoxin which is known as a potent inducer of liver cancer. The roaches enjoyed the diet and all lived to die only of old age.

"If the substance I found is a product of the detoxification process, then the cockroach is perhaps the only animal which can break down a known carcinogen with little apparent effect and the substance could possibly be used in a cancer cure," the researcher said.

Well, there must be plenty of people around willing to supply cockroaches for scientific research.

YITZHAQ RABIN is in his element again, doing the things he does best. Diplomatic contacts, negotiations, "end of the state of war," Syrian brinkmanship, the American elections — these are subjects that he is comfortable with, that he handles with the confidence of an expert.

Brusled and battered from a string of political setbacks, worsted in his self-indulgent sparring match with (the shadow of) Shimon Peres, the Premier is plainly glad to be able to shift public attention back to the Israel-U.S.-Arab eternal triangle.

Here the issues are to the fore, and the Premier's personal and political problems — his abrasiveness, his penchant for picking fights, his obvious disdain for the party, his inexperience in politics and lack of a power-political base — all these can be submerged again.

For Gerald Ford, too, the new American end-of-war initiative is politically more than useful at this time. If he does well in the primaries he may yet decide on a Middle East trip in late spring — to foster an aura of statesmanship. What better setting for such a Presidential progress than a flurry of diplomatic to-ing and fro-ing, orchestrated by the American Secretary of State, and holding out the hope of a far-reaching (American-inspired) end-of-war settlement?

And what more distasteful a thought, in an election year, than a military flare-up on the Golan, which could quickly turn into full-scale war, replete with oil embargo and U.S.-Arab crisis? If the American initiative does nothing more than get us all through the next nine months with jaw-jaw rather than war-war, it will, for Ford, have achieved very great deal.

This is not to say, of course, that Ford's end-of-war initiative, or Rabin's enthusiastic acceptance of it, were dictated by personal or by political considerations. But, as in so many key foreign policy decisions, internal calculations seem to be involved, whether consciously or subconsciously.

Perhaps they account in part for the change in attitude with which Mr. Rabin slipped the end-of-war decision through the Cabinet last Sunday. After a weekend in which criticism of him had reached an unprecedented pitch of stridency, with even Labour loyalists publicly calling for a change, Rabin was able with this decision to shift the focus of attention from himself to his policies.

These are certainly a more de-

The U.S. has proposed new talks on an "end of the state of war." The Post's Diplomatic Correspondent David Landau faults the Government for accepting this "amorphous term," fraught with pitfalls.

Haggling away peace

feasible proposition, and he has begun this week to spiritedly defend the end-of-war initiative in private and semi-private forums. While he delegated Yigal Alon to fend off the Likud attack in the Knesset on Tuesday, he will appear himself next week before the Labour Alignment faction to explain the new policy.

It will need a lot of explaining, though, while there have been mainly muted rumblings so far within the party — Abba Eban was public with his criticism — there is much surprise, confusion and scepticism inside Labour and beyond it.

The hostile Likud reaction was predictable. But the press, too, has been almost wholly critical in its comments on both the content and the manner of the Cabinet's decision. The issues are not simple: hysterical talk of the government having "betrayed" Israel's sacred longing for peace can safely be dismissed.

It is easy to talk, say Rabin's apologists. But if you are the Prime Minister faced with an anxious American Administration proposing to explore the chance of ending the state of war — you think before you talk, and think twice before rejecting the proposal.

And Rabin made it quite clear, they stress, that end-of-war Israel would give up a lot — but not everything.

There is, however, much concern and intelligent criticism of the Cabinet's decision, made by people who do think things through. What seems troubling is an uncomfortable sensation of *deja vu*. The government, many feel, has committed the very same error that it made a year ago, when Mr. Rabin ill-advisedly offered the Sinai Passes and oil fields for an "end-of-belligerency pact."

The rest is history: Sadat

"pocketed" the passes and the oil — and all the subsequent haggling centred on the dangerously amorphous concept of "end-of-belligerency," which was steadily whittled away. Israel eventually consigned itself that it was getting at least some "elements of non-belligerency," that what counted were the all-matters rather than the formal title, and that the formal title was anyway "unattainable," as President Ford had asserted back in 1974.

The danger now is that Rabin has committed the government to a similarly unhappy exercise.

The apologists say he has foreseen this danger, and has therefore steered clear any territorial declarations or even discussion. The Cabinet on Sunday thus purported to consider the end-of-war initiative *in vacuo*, ignoring, for the present, the price that Israel will have to pay, and discussing only the price it would ask from the Arabs.

But such ostensible naïveté fools nobody. Everyone remembers that last year, after its first end-of-belligerency offer was rebuffed, Israel proposed a pullback to the el-Arish-Ras Muhammad line, which would restore two-thirds of Sinai to Egypt, in return for an end-of-belligerency pact.

(What was then called "end-of-belligerency" is now called "end of the state of war"; the terms are interchangeable, as the then-Attorney-General advised the Cabinet.)

That proposal, too, was rejected. Egypt explained then — as its newspapers and radio have explained again this week — that, for her, end-of-belligerency means peace, and for peace she insists on a total Israeli withdrawal.

But, as in the case of the passes and the oil, Sadat can now, if he wishes, "pocket" the two-thirds of Sinai, implicitly denying him this week — and begin haggling over

the "end of the state of war" which is demanded in payment. Incredibly, the Israel government has almost invited him to do so — by admitting, with unique indiscretion, that "end of the state of war" is indeed a complex term which will have to be examined by Israeli and American legal experts before negotiations can begin.

The sensible course would have been to state categorically precisely what "end of the state of war" means for Israel, and to indicate that if the Arab states are interested in a settlement on that basis we can talk — and if not, not. To say, as Yigal Alon did on Tuesday, that end-of-war is "a giant stride towards peace... one small step from it" is no substitute for a clear and definitive statement of intent.

In fact, no consultations were held with the government's legal experts before the Cabinet discussion on Sunday. Some ministers explained later that they had had before them ex-Attorney-General Meir Shamgar's opinion, in which he said that end-of-war was tantamount to peace (without, of course, the "positive aspects" of peace, such as trade and diplomatic ties).

These ministers intended in this way to justify the Cabinet decision — but the Shamgar opinion cuts both ways: the Arabs also say that end-of-war is tantamount to peace, and they therefore demand all the territories for it!

Rabin and his ministers thus find themselves caught in a dichotomy: to the public in Israel they say end-of-war is tantamount to peace and therefore worthwhile; and to the Arabs they say it is less than peace and therefore Israel cannot offer as much land for it as for peace.

Meanwhile, in the absence of any preliminary consultations with the experts on what is essentially an abstract and disputed legal issue, top ministers and officials feel free to voice their own inept opinions — and divergences have already appeared.

Minister Gullil asserted in a radio interview that end-of-war would mean, inter alia, an end to hostile propaganda (shades of the interim agreement...). But a more senior minister said it need not necessarily. A third minister said that what counted were the "components" (shades of "elements"...), rather than the formal declaration.

Thus the dangerous process of haggling has already begun within the Israel government, even before the Americans or the Arabs enter the arena.

SYRIA PULLS THE STRINGS

THE MIDDLE EAST SCENE / ANAN SAFADI

SYRIAN President Hafez Assad has become — for the moment at least — the most resonant voice in the Arab world.

The Syrian leader has had some initial success in promoting an expanded confrontation line against Israel, stretching from Rosh Hanikra in the north to the Golan Heights on the east and southwards to Akaba.

Assad's drive toward "Greater Syria," or a Damascus-sponsored "United Arab States," is continuing to succeed in Lebanon, Syria's Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam has in effect become a kind of High Commissioner in Beirut, putting together a new government under incumbent Moslem Premier Rashid Karami, who is certain to cooperate with Damascus. The same drive is proceeding,

though more cautiously, in Jordan. According to Assad, Amman should further its alliance with Damascus, rather than try for some sort of U.S.-orchestrated accommodation with Israel.

Assad has made impressive gains in the Arab world, which sees him as a decisive leader backed by a massive arsenal which the Russians have provided since the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

THE SYRIAN leader has furthered his image by showing indifference towards Washington's concern over current threats to Middle East stability. Assad believes he is in a strong position regarding the U.S. because of America's post-Vietnam mood and its preoccupation with elections.

With the approaching end of the UNDOF mandate on the Golan Heights in May, Assad is seen to

have taken an either/or position: either a pledge for an Israeli withdrawal to the 1967 lines, or a renewal of hostilities. In fact, he appeared to be opting for the latter alternative. Assad maintains the destroyed Golan town of Kuneitra as an open wound, which is used to inflame Arab opinion. Israel relinquished Kuneitra two years ago as a first peace gesture toward Syria.

The irony is that Syria's militant stance is now being supported, rather than restrained by Egypt and Jordan. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who has been under increasing attack as a traitor to the Arab cause, yesterday left Saudi Arabia for other Arab oil-rich states, where he has been seeking political and economic assistance. The aid is conditional on Sadat's return to a more bellicose posture.

In Jordan, King Hussein is said to be increasingly trapped by his assumption that it was militancy which brought both Egypt and Syria political and territorial gains since the Yom Kippur War, while moderation had brought Amman nothing.

Syria continues to pull the strings, but Middle East stability remains heavily dependent on the policies of the two oil giants, Saudi Arabia and Iran, both of which have been extending aid to Damascus. The question is whether or not these two countries will pursue Washington's line now that the U.S. is seen as a "crippled giant" by the Shah of Iran and other leaders.

PORTION OF THE WEEK

Wisdom only to the wise

Sidra: Vayak'heil (Exodus 35:1-35:50)

"AND (GOD) HAS endowed (Bezalel) with a Divine spirit of wisdom, understanding and knowledge, and expertise in every craft" (Exodus 35:31) — Rabbi Yohanan said: The Blessed Holy One grants wisdom only to those who have wisdom. For it is said (Daniel 2:21): "He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who understand." When Rav Tamara the Westerner (of Babylonia) heard this, he said to Rabbi Abbahu: You, there (in Babylonia), derive it from that passage (in Daniel). We derive it from (Exodus 31:6): "And I (God) have granted wisdom to all the wise-hearted" (Berachot 55a).

A Roman matron asked Rabbi Yosef bar Halafta: Why does God "give wisdom to the wise"? He ought to give it to the fools. He replied: My child, if a poor man and a rich man were to ask you to lend them money, to which one would you give the loan? She replied: To the rich man. He said: Why? She replied: Because if he loses the money I lend him, he will have reserves from which to return the loan. He said: Let your ears hear what your mouth is saying. If the Blessed Holy One gave wisdom to fools, instead of investing it properly and increasing it they would still go on wasting their time in brothels, gaming houses and the baths. So He gives it to the wise, who spend their time learning and increasing their wisdom. Like the clever grocer, who knows by the smell of the vessels his customers hand him which one to fill with wine, which with honey, with oil, and which with pickled fish-hash (Tanhuma, Vayak'heil, 3).

MIDRASH KOHELET Rabbi comments on tomorrow's Haftara (Parshat Shekalim; II Kings 11:17-12:17): Aaron would have had to defer to Yehoiada if he had lived in his time. Each generation's leader, however low his personal quality may be, by virtue of his having been chosen leader is equal to the greatest of the early greats. M.K.

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